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Angola talks produce accord

GENEVA (AP) -- Cuba, Angola and South Africa Friday adjourned U.S.-mediated talks on peace for southwestern Africa and announced agreement on "a sequence of steps" to achieve a settlement. Details of the plan, which the negotiators will first submit to their government leaders. were to be announced Monday in the capital of each country, said a joint statement issued at the end of the four-day talks. Delegations agreed to meet again during the week of Aug. 22, with the exact date and venue still to be determined, the statement said. It called the latest round of talks on ending the 13-year-old Angolan war and holding free elections in Namibia "detailed, positive and productive" and said "the participants agreed a referendum to their governments nn a sequence of steps to achieve peace in southwestern Africa." Earlier Friday, an official statement issued in Pretoria said the South African delegating would return home to report on the latest round of talks and, after consultations with the leaders of Namibia, would "convey its decision to the other parties within four

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AROUND THE WORLD...

Murphy, Khaddam hold talks

DAMASCUS (Agencies) - U.S. envoy Richard Murphy met Friday with Vice President Abdul Halim Khaddam to discuss the Middle East conflict and the presidential elections in Lebanon, diplomatic sources said. The sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the talks in the mountain resort of Bloudan west of Damascus also covered relations between Syria and the United States. Murphy, an assistant secretary of state for Near East and South Asian affairs, arrived in Syria Thursday evening after talks with Lebanese officials in Beirut (see page 5).

S. Yemeni leader stops over in Damascus

DAMASCUS (R) - South Yemeni President Haider Abu Baker Al Atias made a stopover at Damascus airport Friday on his way to Czechoslovakia on an official visit. SANA news agency said. The agency said that Syrian Minister of State Nasser Oaddour met the Yemeni president at Damascus international airport. In a statement on arrival the Yemeni president stressed that relations between Syria and South Yemen were very strong.

North's trial delayed past election

WASHINGTON (R) — The judge in the Iran-contra case Friday ordered the trial of former White House aide Oliver North delayed until after the November presidential election because of a dispute over secret documents demanded by North. In a setback for prosecutors who wanted a quiek trial, Federal Judge Gerhard Gesell gave North's lawyers until six days after the Nov. 8 election to file a detailed request on the secret documents they plan to use at trial (see

Bonn criticises 'Red Square pilot'

BONN (R) — The West German government Friday criticised daredevil flyer Mathias Rust for his elusive behaviour since returning home after the Soviet authorities released him from jail. "It would have been desirable if Rust had said publicly he hoped nobody would imitate his flight to Red Square." government spokesman Norbert Schaefer told a news conference. "It would also have been appropriate if Rust had put himself at the disposal of the press, Schaefer added. Rust was set free Wednesday after serving about a quarter of a four-year sentence for illegally flying a Cessna light plane over 750 kilometres of Soviet territory in May 1987 before landing near Moscow's Red Square. He returned to Frankfurt Wednesday night, avoiding the press, and was whisked away to a secret

Jewish groups not to oppose Kuwait arms sale

WASHINGTON (AP) — Major American Jewish groups say they will not actively oppose a planned sale of U.S. jet fighters and missiles to Kuwait, indicating they do not believe it will harm Israel. The Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organisations said it is alarmed by increasing arms sales to Arab states but would not oppose a compromise arms sale to Kuwait worked out by the White House and Congress. "We do not intend to actively oppose rhe revised package of arms to Kuwait, recognising the conditions and guarantees negotiated by the government of the U.S.." the statement said.

Italy names 'super magistrate'

ROME (R) - Italy's government, facing a crisis in its war against the mafia, appointed a top anti-terrorist magistrate Friday as a powerful new high commissioner to combat the criminal society. A statement issued after a cabinet meeting said Domenico Sica, 56, who has for two decades headed many investigations into the worst extremist crimes in Rome, had been appointed high commissioner for the fight against the mafia. The previous high commissioner, Pietro Verga, was due to renire this month and the appointment of Sica, dubbed "super magistrate" by the press, was a clear response to public calls for an escalation of the war against the resurgent mafia.

Soviet citizen sentenced to death

MOSCOW (R) — A Soviet citizen has been sentenced to death for participating in Nazi massacres of the local population in the Ukraine during World War Two, the TASS said Friday. Alexander Posevin was accused of leading a hattalion that killed 4,000 people in punitive raids in the area of Kharkov in 1942-43. TASS said. He personally shot 35 people. Posevin, who had been in the Soviet army, went over to the Nazi side in 1942, TASS said, and later tried to conceal his war

Baker to resign for Bush campaign

WASHINGTON (AP) - Treasury Secretary James Baker planned to resign Friday to become manager of the presidential campaign of Republican hopeful George Bush, sources said. Baker, whose resignation has been anticipated for several months, was expected to make the announcement after 2000 GMT in order to avoid any impact on U.S. financial markets, the sources said. They spoke on condition of anonymity. Bush chief of staff Craig Fuller confirmed Thursday that Baker would become campaign chief before the Aug. 15 start of the Republican convention in New Orleans.

4 injured in blast at British barracks

DUESSELDORF (R) - A bomb exploded at a British army barracks in West Germany Friday, injuring three soldiers and a civilian and investigators suspected it was the work of the Irish Republican Army (IRA). A spokesman for the West German prosecutor's office said initial reports pointed to an attack by the IRA. The guerrilla group has recently stepped up attacks on British targets both within and outside Britain (see page 8).

Yugoslav fire under control

BELGRADE (R) - Firemen fighting a major forest and brush fire around the Adriatic resort of Sibenik said Friday the blaze could still pose dangers even though it was now under control. Thousands of local people are helping to control the fire, which started Thursday morning. The fire passed through the suburb of Subisevac, destroying vegetation and damaging several apartments, he said. One fireman was seriously injured when his fire truck overturned and several people suffered minor injuries.

Prem bids sad farewell to nation

BANGKOK (AP) - Prem Tinsulanonda, retiring after eight years as Thailand's prime minister, bid a sad farewell to the nation Friday and urged his successor to continue his efforts to help the rural poor. Millionaire and former diplomat Charichai Choonhavan was installed as prime minister Thursday with the backing of six coalinon parties that took a majority of seats in parliament in the July 24 elections. Chatichai later told reporters his government would raise the nation's minimum wage, now about \$3 a day, and the incomes of the rural

Occupied territories civil servants to be retired

PLO team to visit Amman for talks

By Nermeen Murad Jordan Times Staff Reporter with agency dispatches

AMMAN — Jordan and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) have established their first contact after Jordan's decision to sever formal ties with the occupied West Bank and agreed that a PLO delegation will visit Amman for discussions.

with Abdul Razak Al Yahya, Arah summit resolutions. member of the PLO Executive Committee, Thursday and the two agreed that a top-level PLO team would visit Jordan soon, The Jordan News Agency, Petra, reported. The news agency added Jordanian move in implementathat a date for the PLO's mission non of its decision to sever legal

would be set soon. Jordanian moves which came in keep their jobs.

- Iraqi Foreign Minister Tareq

Aziz met for the first time in a

week Friday with Secretary-

General Javier Perez\de Cuellar

amid efforts to implement a ceas-

efire in the nearly eight-year-old

Aziz declined to speak to re-

porters as be entered U.N. head-

quarters for talks with Perez de

Cuellar, who has met separately

with Iranian and Iraqi officials for

two weeks on the ceasefire ques-

The meeting came amid re-

ports that Perez de Cuellar is

floating a three-point comprom-

ise to break the deadlock be-

tween Iran and Iraq over ending

The formula is intended to

hridge the gap between Iraq's

insistence on direct talks before

any ceasefire, and Iran's view

WASHINGTON (Agencies) -

A federal appeals court Friday

upheld the Reagan administra-

tion's order last year closing the

Palestine Liberation Organisa-

tion's (PLO) information office in

The State Department found

the office acted as the PLO's

foreign mission and ordered it

shut because of what it said was

involvement in "terrorism" by

individuals and groups associated

"This is a case about the presi-

dent — acting pursuant to express

authorisation from Congress -

ordering a foreign mission to

close its doors because its acrivi-

ries were deemed inimical to

America's interests," the appeals

The three-judge panel ruled

the administration acted in con-

formity with the law in ordering

the closing and there were no violations of the PLO's constitu-

Lawyers representing the office

argued that administration

violated the group's right of free

as they were before the order to

express whatever ideas they wish

and to associate with whichever

individuals they wish," Judge

Abner Mikva said in the court

"They are not free, bowever,

to set up an office that functions

as a foreign mission when the

State Department finds that the

national interest requires other-

The appeals court said it was

ruling on the legality - not the

wisdom — of the closure order.

"(The PLO) are as free today

the Gulf war.

Washington.

with the PLO.

court said.

tional rights.

opinion.

wise," he said.

Prime Minister Zaid Rifai met compliance with PLO wishes and

Civil servants retired

Thursday's meeting followed the announcement of the latesr and administrative links with the It is believed that the team's West Bank. The announcement expected talks here will aim at said classified and non-classified preparing the ground for a visit civil servants in the West Bank by PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat would be retired as of Aug. 16 who headed crisis talks in Bagh- but officials related to administradad earlier this week over recent tive and judicial affairs would

Aziz, U.N. chief meet amid

quest for Gulf compromise

UNITED NATIONS (Agencies) that a ceasefire mut come first, said to be seeking assurances the

negotiations at a later stages

according to sources quoted by

Council Resolution 598 that pro-

vides for a ceasefire and a com-

prehensive settlement of the con-

Diplomatic sources told the AP

they expected Iraq to suck hy its

demand for face-to-face talks and

to confinue seeking Security

The secretary general was also

trast to another federal court

decision that blocked a congres-

sional attempt to ban the PLO's

U.N. mission from the United

States, although the two cases

In issuing its ruling Friday, the

court did not mention the pre-

vious decision, and there were no

indications whether it had consi-

dered thar finding in making its

U.S. District Judge Edmund

Palmieri had ruled in June that a

1947 agreement bringing the Un-

ited Nations to the United States

prohibits the government from closing the PLO's observer mis-

were similar.

own ruling.

Council guarantees of any peace

recent battlefield losses.

accord.

U.S. court upholds closing

of PLO Washington office

with the possibility of face-to-face two helligerents would hold

The sources said Peroz de The third point in the formula

Cuellar would ask both sides for would be an announcement by

assurances they are interested in the secretary general, before a

Iraq has expressed fears that and make sure there will be a

Iran, which accepted the resolu- comprehensive peace treaty, not

tion only last month, wants only a a temporary ceasefire that Iraq

temporary truce to regroup after says could be used by Iran to

"The status of classified employees with less than 20 years and more than 15 years in service will be frozen as of Aug. 16 until

The services of employees who have been employed for less than 15 years "will be terminated as of

they complete 20 years in service

from the date of their appoint-

ment so that they will be entitled

for pension," the announcement

Aug. 10, but will have their pension premiums reimbursed and they will also receive compensations at the rate of one month salary for every year in service," the announcement said.

Unclassified civil servants, employees of semi-independent in-

direct talks on a final settlemenr

shortly after the start of a cease-

ceasefire, that he bad received

There was no confirmation of

the reported compromise formula

from U.N. spokesmen, Iran or

Iran reversed itself to accept

the year-old resolution July 18,

following a string of hattlefield

defeats. Iraq wants to test Iran's

intentions with early direct talks

regroup its forces.

If Security Council guarantees were adopted, the sources quoted

by the AP said, Iraq would be more

likely to endorse Perez de Cuel-

lar's proposal for announcing a

ceasefire date and simultaneously

inviting both sides to bold face-

Perez de Cuellar has said he

hopes to be able to announce a

ceasefire date next week after

consulting both parties and the

The secretary general held his

seventh meeting with Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akhar

He also planned a private brief-

ing for Security Council members

larer in the day on a report he has

received on the mechanics of a

The report was presented to

him Thursday by Lieutenant-General Martin Vadest of Nor-

way, who recently led a team of

to-face talks.

Security Council.

Velayari Thursday.

Gulf ceasefire.

these two assurances.

According to the announce- strtutions and those employed on ment, the government will con- contract basis, will have their tinue to pay pension for all em- services terminated as of Aug. 16, ployees occupying positions ori-ginated before 1967 and others pensation and end-of-service will be paid severance pay in line compensation in accordance with with the civil service regulations regulations in force at their reand their contract stipulations in spective departments, the the cases of those working in announcement, made after a meeting of the Council of Minissemi-independent institutions. ters, said,

These measures will not affect employees of religious departments and the Islamic chief justice's office, the announcement said. The Council of Ministers decided to exempt the employees of both these departments "in view of these departments' historic responsibilities in safeguarding Islamic places under Israeli occupation and supervising restoration work at the Dome of the Rock and the Al Aqsa Mosque," the announcement said,

classified employees appointed before the 1967 Middle East

According to the official, salar-ies of the 5,200 amounted to \$1.5 million per month. While subsidies paid to the other 16,000 reached \$63 million in the past 17 months.

The decision was the third step undertaken by the Kingdom, following the dissolution of the Lower House of Parliament and cancellation of the five-year development plan for the occupied territories, and is seen by many as the most significant among the measures adopted by the Kingdom in line with Sunday's announcement by His Majesty King Hussein that Jordan was severing all legal and administrarive links with the West Bank.

According to a report by AP from Jerusalem, underground Palestinian leaders may soon issue a "declaration of independence" designed to fill the power vacuum left by Jordan in the

According to a Jordanian official quoted by the Associated Press "out of the 21,200 civil servants who work in the West Bank and Gaza, there are 5,200

Declaration of independence

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King contacts **Arab leaders**

AMMAN (J.T.) - His Majesty King Hussein Friday telephone Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and exchanged views with him nn a number of pan-Arab issues, the Jordan News Agency, Petra,

On Thursday, the King had telephone conversations with Iraql President Saddam Hussein and Syrian President Hafez Al Assad and exchanged views with the two leaders about current Arab affairs and issues of common concern, Petra reported earlier. The agency did not give details.

Injured Israeli soldier dies after 18 months

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM been killed by army gunfire, of (Agencies) - An Israeli soldier them 124 in the West Bank and allegedly run down by an Arah 59 in the Gaza Strip. In addition, taxi driver in the occupied West several deaths are being investi-Bank 18 months ago died of his gated, Itim said. injuries Friday and was buried, an army spokesman said. Nir Biton remained uncon-

HM King Hussein

scious in hospital after being injured.

The spokesman charged that an Arab taxi driver in Nablus, in the West Bank, "deliberately" ran down Nir and another soldier during a patrol in February 1987. The patrol's commander shot dead the driver, the spokesman added.

The incident occurred near the Askar refugee camp outside the occupied West Bank city of

The alleged attack was during a month-long wave of Palestinian protests which preceded the current rebellion in the occupied

Israel's news agency Itim released Friday new military figures on the Palestinian uprising in the occupied lands, citing 13,750 incidents involving the army in the last eight months.

Itim quoted army officials as saying there have been over 5.900 incidents of stone-throwing and 6,463 violent demonstrations since the last Dec. g start of the Palestinian uprising.

The army has registered 1,004 firebomb attacks, 252 arsons, 57 incidents involving improvised bombs and roadside bombs, 17 grenade attacks, 29 attacks involving the use of knives and similar weapons and seven cases of shooting at soldiers, Inm re-

It said that 183 Palestinians had

ited Nations statistics, puts the number of Palestinian fatalines at 236, while a Reuter count put the figure at 247.

The AP count, based on Un-

Inm said that 2,100 Arabs had been wounded by army gunfire and 5,500 have been jailed.

According to figures issued last month by the Palesninian-run Human Rights Information Centre, which did not provide a break-down, about 36,000 Palestinians were burt by gunfire, tear gas, rubber bullets and beatings. It

estimated 6,000 suffered lasting injuries. Itim quoted army officials as saying that 456 soldiers had been injured, of them 312 in the West Bank an 153 in Gaza. Israeli

media reports say most of the soldiers have been injured by stones and a smaller number burned in firebomb attacks. According to Itim, 282 Israelis had been injured, of them 265 in

the West Bank and 17 in An army spokesman said he could not immediately verify

Itim's figures. But official army figures released said 428 soldiers and 272 Israelis have been injured as of July 22. In addition, one Israeli trooper

and three others have been In another development,

Israeli authorities will look for a new site for an archaeological dig denounced by Muslims because of its proximity to the Al Aqsa Mosque, a senior Israeli official

Islamic Jihad reportedly disbanded: Rafsanjani said in charge of hostages

pro-Iranian Islamic Jihad group that holds at least two American

hostages was being disbanded. The magazine Al Shiraa also said Iran's parliament Speaker Hashemi Rafsanjani has been put in full charge of the foreign hos-

tages held in Lehanon. Al Shiraa, which broke the story of U.S. secret arms sales to Iran in November 1986, cited no

sources for the report, which could not be independently verified. The magazine's previous stories about the hostages have not all been accurate. Al Shiraa said Islamic Jihad

"has been rapidly disintegrating

BEIRUT (AP) — A Beirut after the arrest of one of its the report implied that Hizbol-weekly magazine said Friday the leaders. Abbas Zoreik, who lah's command was behind the headed a squad responsible for reported move bank robberies in Beirut."

The magazine did not say when Zoreik was arrested by what it after another Islamic Jihad leadcalled "an Islamic party that has er. Hassan Izzeddine, who is

which is widely believed to be the Beirut. umbrella for various underground factions holding most of the 18 missing foreigners in Lebanon. "It has since been revealed that

decision has been taken to disband Islamic Jihad." Al Shiraa said. It did not flatly say who took the decision, but the phrasing of

Al Shiraa said the Islamic party which arrested Zoreik was also

been patronising Islamic Jihad." sought by the United States on This appeared to be an allusion charge of taking part in the May to Hizbollah (Party of God), 1985 hijack of a TWA jetliner to The magazine did not say why

Hizbollah was cracking down on Islamic Jihad, which holds AP chief Middle East correspondent Terry A. Anderson, the longest held foreign hostage in Lebanon. Anderson, 40, was kidnapped

in west Beirut March 16, 1985. Islamic Jihad also holds Thomas Sutherland, 56, acting dean of agriculture at the American University of Beirut, who was abducted June 9, 1985.

Anglican church envoy Terry Waite went missing in west Beirut Jan. 20, 1987 after leaving a seaside hotel for a rendezvous with Islamic Jihad, hoping to negotiate the release of Anderson and Sutherland. No group has claimed it bolds Waite

In a separate report, Al Shiraa said Iran's revolutionary patriarch Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini had put Rafsanjani in full charge of the hostage issue after making him the acting commander in chief of Iran's armed forces.

"The move abolished a commission that Khomeini formed last year to handle the hostage issue, which was made up of President Ali Khamenei, Rafsaniani. Revolutionary Guards Minister Mohsen Rafiq-Doust and Revolutionary Guards commander Mohsen Rezaie." Al

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visa to return and seek an open trial.

"Nobody has the right to exile me from my country," Paruir Airikyan, 39, told a news conference. He added: "I think people like me are necessary for perestroika."

more autonomy.

Asked if he had confidence in Soviet courts which committed him to prisons, concentration camps, or internal exile for 18 The ruling was in direct con- | years, Airikyan said he believed

"a publie, open trial... would nian nanonalist expelled from the contribute to democratisation. and I think it's possible I could win.

Airikyan was a prominent figure in a drive to unite the Armenian enclave of Nagornowith Soviet Armenia.

the Armenian National Union Party, which sought to unify Soviet Armenia with the Armenian areas of Turkey, he founded the Union for National Autodetermination in 1987, which seeks a popular referendum on independence for Armenia.

He was arrested last March in the Armenian capital, Yerevan, and expelled after be refused, he said, to sign a petition requesting exile. The Soviet authorities say

asking to be allowed to leave the country.

He arrived in France on a two-week transit visa last Monday. Airikyan said he would accept invitations to West Germany and the United States, but that his goal now was to seek legal methods for returning to the Soviet Union.

He said it would be "ridiculous" to seek asylum outside the Soviet Union, since he wanted to return to Armenia.

Armenia and a long general

Airikyan did sign a petition are forbidden, and all those who took part in them are under pressure at work." But the dissident leader said he

> "More than 100,000 people gathered... on the day I was expelled. Five months ago I'd never have thought that was possible."

was not despondent.

national commission to investigatc. Soviet authorities bave ack-

Armenian activist determined to return home

PARIS (R) - A militant Arme-Soviet Union on charges of formenting dissent said Friday he would file an application for a

Perestroika is the Russian word for restructuring, to Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's planned reforms that nationalist and ethnic groups bave sought to use as support for their efforts to gain

Karabakh, which lies in the Soviet Republic of Azerbaijan, After years of membership in

After protest rallies in Soviet

strike in Nagorno-Karabakh, the Kremlin introduced a programme for economie and cultural development of the region, but it has ruled out any border changes.

"The situation in Armenia is very sad," said Airikyan. "Rallies

Interviewed later on French television, Airikyan said attacks on Armenians at Sumgait in Azerbaijan in March were "a pogrom" and called for an inter-

nowledged 32 deaths, but Airikyan said he had documentation from witnesses and medical personnel showing that more than 500 people were killed and many



A scene from the 3-part mini-series, "Menace unseen," starring Ian Oqilvy and Judy Bowkel on

JTV Channel 2 Preview

8:30 Mr. Belvedere

9:00 Alfred Hitchcock pre-

sents:

9:30 Variety Show

10:20 Feature Film

Sat. - Aug. 6, 1988 West of Paradise

An old beachcomber's book of poems starts a search for the lost treasure of an 18th century pirate. At the end of the rainbow, it's said, there's a pot of gold worth millions. But where is it hidden? But the search for the key to the mystery leads to jealousy, superstition, and even

voodoo. It's a modern-day, romantic swashbuckler, set in a tropical paradise in the Indian Ocean. West of Paradise was shot entirely on the beautiful island of

Sun. — Aug. 7, 1988

8:30 Check It Out 9:10 Doc. - Lost City of the 8:30 Three Up Two Down



ists were first able to penetrate this unknown region.

Bingham led a small expedition from Yale University along a

newly-cut road through the Ura-

bamba Valley, that archaeolog-

11:30 Fawlty Towers

Mon. — Aug. 8, 1988

8:30 Perfect Strangers

10:20 Magnum

9:10 Enemy at The Door Drama series about life in the

British Channel Islands under German occupation during World War II.

10:20 Feature Film Mntiny nn The Bounty

Marlon Brando Trevor Howard

Tue. - Aug. 9, 1988 8:30 Clarence

The spare bedroom ceiling falls in, forcing Travers and Clarence into the same room. More surprises arrive with the vicar's wife,

9:00 Campaign

Just 48 hours before polling day, the entire campaign is jeopardised by a scandal involving a junior minister and a construction company. In an attempt to divert, attention away from the scandal, Sarah uses the Prime Minister's hostile reception in Birmingham to suggest he is in danger from a riot mob.

10:20 Hunter

11:10 Perfect Spy

Wed. — Aug. 10, 1988

9:00 Doc. — Space on Earth Skyscrapers — Fight for Height The continuing story of the rise of the skyscraper — with historian Charles Jencks and examples from New York and Chicago. 9:30 Twilight Zone

Dead Woman's Shoes 10:20 Always Afternoon

Always Afternoon is a story of teenage love — first love — betwee Freda, the daughter of the local baker and Franz, a young Ger-man violinist being held as a wartime internee at the nearby jail. It is the story of her love, her loss and the hlossoming of a young girl into a young woman. It is also the story of how this peaceful Christian community becomes hopelessly divided by the anger, the pain and the hatred caused by a war being fought thousands of miles away.

Thur. — Aug. 11, 1988

8:30 Throb

9:10 Remington Steele

10:20 Feature Film Conspiracy of Love

Starring: Robert Young

Dreu Barrimore

Fri. — Aug. 12, 1988

8:30 Guinness Records

Two intrepid French mountaineers attempt an ascent of the world's most recognisable edifice - the Eiffel Tower on "The Spectacular World of Guinness Records." Sbunning the Tower's 1,792 steps in favour of an outside assault, the two men climb the slick steel beams without mechanical assistance. Stiff winds make the ascent particularly treacherous. Most incredible of Tower's 984 feet in only two bours 18 minutes.

9:10 Menace Unseen

10:20 Falcon Crest

11:10 Three's Company

PLO delegation to visit Amman for talks

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territories. The report said that a Palestinin source who demanded anonymity said a declaration of independence, although unlikely to be accepted by Israel, could pave the way for local contacts with Israeli authorities and get

further elaboration. The source added that a declaration was a "serious option" and drafts were currently being studied by the united national

around Israeli opposition to deal-

ing with the PLO. There was no

leadership of the Uprising. The proposed document would implicitly recognise Israel's right to exist, the source said, adding it calls for a state in "only part of Palestine," and not inside Israel's generally accepted boundaries.

'Government in exile'

The PLO might follow up the "declaration of independence" with the announcement of a government-in-exile, according to the London-based Mideast Mirror.

The announcement of a government-in-exile, an idea previously rejected by the PLO leadership on grounds that it could further create divisions among PLO factions, could be seriously considered at the planned session of the Palestine National Council (PNC), according to the Mideast Mirror. The PLO leadership has called for a PNC session, probahly in Baghdad, in the next one

Earlier, a PLO official who spoke to the AP on condition he not be identified the idea of pushing through the long-aired government-in-exile would be discussed at the upcoming PNC

"I cannot say whether this PNC session will announce that or not, but such a government has become an urgent need," the official told an AP correspondent hased in Abu Dhabi.

In an interview with the AP in Baghdad in January, Arafat was asked about the idea of forming a government-in-exile and said: "If will facilitate the realisation of Palestinian aims, we can use it.

Palestinian journalist Daoud Kuttah was the only Palestinian to openly support the idea of a declaration of independence, endorsing the proposal in an article published in the Nazarethbased Al Sinara weekly.

"We can ask the rest of the world to start recognising us and the dream will become reality without waiting for the solution to be served up to us on a silver platter at an international conference," the article said.

the eight-month-old uprising in the occupied territories welcomed Jordan's decision to retire civil servants in the West Bank and described it as "the most important achievement of the intifada," agency reports said. In the first reaction to the

recent Jordanian move, the underground leadership praised the decision to sever formal ties with the West Bank and said the move "reinforced the status of the PLO as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people," according to the leaflet, excerpts from which were carried

by Reuters and AP. Israeli officials quoted by the agencies said the Jordanian move will bolster rather than diminisb (Jordan's) standing in the (occupied) territories."

"I estimate that those Arab residents who read the (political) map correctly... their support for Jordan will be expressed more than it has until now," Israeli Police Minister Haim Bar Lev, a member of the Israeli Labour Party which advocates territorial compromise as the key to peace with the Arabs, was quoted as

Calls for 'annexation'

But hardline Israeli leaders are pressing the "national unity" government, which includes almost all political parties, to annex the West Bank. "This is now a historic moment for Israel to declare sovereignty in this area," nuclear scientist Yuva Neeman, a Tehtya party legislator, said Thursday. She and other legislators said they would press their demands for annexation with Prime Minis-

ter Yitzhak Shamir, whose rightwing Likud bloc also contends that the West Bank is part of Israel, but Shamir has resisted the call, according to agencies. Shamir, in an address to Jewish agency fundraisers, said Israel

was committed to negotiating a settlement in the occupied areas under the terms of the 1979 Camp David accord with Egypt, agencies said.

Ariel Sharon, the right-wing trade and industry minister, is living up to his hawkish image. "We have an opportunity to take the areas that allow us to protect ourselves from danger in the future and that form a basis for national consensus," Sharon said on Israel

U.S. position

The United States, however, reaffirmed Thursday its opposition to Israeli annexation of the State Department spokes-

woman Phyllis Oakley told reporters: "We feel that there cannot be an acceptable political solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict on the basis of unilateral annexation of the occupied territories." "The future status of the occu-

pied territories should be worked out through negotiations between Israel and ber Arab neighbours."

she addeo. Media reaction

Arab and foreign newspapers have widely described the Jordanian move as positive.

The Kuwaiti newspaper Al. Watan said: "The decision ushers in a new phase in the Jordanian-Palestinian relationship." The Cairo-based Al Akhbar newspaper called for an Arah summit meeting to discuss the Palestinian question and to decide the shape of future Jordanian-Palestinian coordination.

The paper called on Arah countries to back Jordan's endeavours for enhancing the status of the PLO and support the Palestinian people in the occupied Arab lands.

Egypt's Al Ahram newspaper described the Kingdom's decision to sever ties with the occupied territories as "the most important Arab decision since 1948." It added that it was the first time that an Arab country initiates a well studied plan" instead of reactionary policies.

Ibrahim Nafa, editor-in-chief of Al Ahram, said in bis daily corner that King Hussein "has thrown a rock in the stagnant lake of peaceful solutions.

Al Jumhouriah described the Jordanian measure as "the most important decision, the strongest shot, and the most intelligent tactic among those adopted vis-avis the Palestinian issue.

The Soviet Pravda newspaper said the King's decision to sever ties with the occupied territories had ended the existing dilemma for the Palestinians who faced their desire to establish a Palestinian state on the one hand and their administrative alliance with Jordan on the other. In Rome, the Italian Commun-

ist Party said the Jordanian decision should prompt the European countries to make new contributions towards solving the Middle East problem and safeguarding the rights of the Palestinian

Quest for compromise over Gulf

(Continued from page 1) U.N. military experts to Iran and

Perez de Cuellar said he expected to give council members a detailed written report on Vad-

set's mission next Wednesday. Asked if would be able to set a The underground leaders of ceasefire date early next week, he ne eight-month-old uprising in said, without elaborating: "I think that next week I will he in a

position to tell you something."

cil member states," acting Fore-

Iraq has been seeking Security Council guarantees for weeks. "The peace treaty should be guaranteed by the Security CounJuly 20. "A ceasefire would not end the state of war and instablity in the region. It was not known what form tbe guarantees might take.

ign Minister Saadun Hamadi said

The diplomatic sources said the five permanent Security Council members were considering various ways to guarantee Iraq's

security and convince Iraq that

Iran would not violate an agree-Aziz has met numerous Arah diplomats, and Arab ambassadors also have told the secretarygeneral that they share Baghdad's concern about Iranian intentions.

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Martyrs' Mcmarial (Military Museum): Collection of military menorabilia dating from the Arab Revolt of 1916. Sports City, Amman. Opening hours 9.00 a.m. 4.00 p.m. Closed Saturdays. Tel. 664240.

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King congratulates UAE

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein Friday cabled congratulations to UAE President Sheikh Zayed Ibn Sultan Al Nahayan on the anniversary of assuming authority in the UAE. In his cable, the King wished the UAE president good health and wished the UAE people would achieve their desired aspirations under his leadership.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

JUST WORKSHOP ENDS: A three-day workshop on using computers for medical purposes ended at Jordan University of Science and Technology (JUST) near Irhid on Thursday. A total of 23 participants from IUST's teaching staff, as well as doctors and specialists from the Princess Basma Government Hospital in Irbid took part in the workshop. It was designed to oneut participants on the use of computers, especially in diagnosing medical cases and in monitoring the history of patient's illnesses.

DAJANI THANKS PETRA: Interior Minister Rajai Dajani, chairman of the Jordanian Foothall Federation, expressed his appreciation to the Jordan News Agency, Petra, for its coverage of the Pan-Arah Soccer Championship, held in Amman last month under the patronage of His Majesty King Hussein. Dajani said in a message to Petra Director Al: Safadi, that the coverage of the championship events contributed greatly to its success.

10 INJURED IN ROAD ACCIDENTS: Ten people were injured in a road accident involving two taxis in the Madaha district. The victims were treated at Madaha Government Hospital following the accident which occurred Thursday evening.

2 SUMMER CAMPS CONCLUDE: A four-week summer camp ended in Tafileh Thursday, with 300 participants having, organised an exhibition displaying samples of handicraft work and paintings. Another summer camp ended in Koura district where the 552 students also set up an exhibition of their work.

NAOUR ELECTIONS: The district governor of Naour set up a committee to register voters for the coming municipal elections which will take place in November. The district governor of Bani Kinana in the Irbid Governorate also formed a committee for municipal elections which are scheduled for Nov. 6.

HMOUD MEETS KUWAITI ENVOY: Minister of Agriculture Marwan Hmoud met here Thursday with Kuwait's ambassador to Jordan to discuss Jordanian-Kuwaiti cooperation in agricultural

STUDENTS VISIT AIR BASE: Students from the University of Jordan studying military sciences visited the King Hussein Air Base College Thursday and were hriefed on its history and the base's responsibilities. The students toured the base and inspected various weapons and equipment used there.

LECTURES BY JEA OFFICIALS: Two senior engineers from the Jordan Electricity Authority (JEA) delivered lectures to officers from the Civil Defence Department (CDD) on preventing electric power accidents. The lectures also covered JEA's plans for the electrification of rural areas in Jordan, the distribution of networks. and cooperation between Jordan, Egypt and Syria in boosting the capacity of the national grids and power distribution.

SLAUGHTERED SHEEP DISTRIBUTED: Sheep slain in Mecca for 'Eid Al Adha are being distributed to needy families in Jordan and other Arah and Islamic countries under a programme designed in cooperation with the Saudi Arabian authorities. At least 2,508 sheep bave been distributed here under this programme by the Ministry of Social Development.

Youth Ministry aide visits Ma'an, Aqaba

MA'AN (Petra) — The Youth
Ministry's Secretary General
Mohammad Kheir Mamasser
Mohammad Kheir Mamasser
MA'AN (Petra) — signed to closely study youth and sports activities in the soutbern regions of Jordan. and clubs in Ma'an and Aqaba meeting with their directors to

discuss youth activity. Mamasser also met with Ma'an Governor Jamal Momani to discuss ways to support these clubs and promote youth and sports

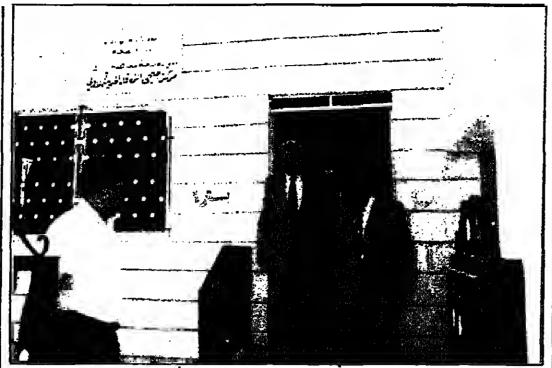
activities especially in Ma'an. Mamasser told the Jordan News Agency, Petra, following the tour that his visit was de-

plans to update youth programmes in their clubs and centres, expanding their capacity from 3,000 to 15,000 youths between the ages of 12 and 18, Mamasser

He said the ministry is now appropriating plots of land in various districts to set up youth centres and youth camps.

WHAT'S GOING ON **EXHIBITIONS**

Summer Club exhibitions in Zarga Art exhibition by Khalid 'Atiyyah at the Zarqa Club for the Deaf



Health Minister Zaid Hamzeh Thursdayvisits Zarqa where he opened a new health centre (Petra photo)

Hamzeh opens Zarqa health centre

Ministry wishes to promote health care for school children and is going ahead with plans to increase children's inoculation programmes in various parts of the Kingdom, Health Minister

Zaid Hamzeh said Thursday. The minister, who was speaking at the ovening ceremony of a new health centre in Zarqa, said Health Mini: 'ry inoculation and medical examination programmes now cover almost 98 per cent of the Kingdom's schools, with vaccination programmes being

available at all health centres.

Dr. Hamzeh said his ministry

comprehensive health centres in child care and other basic medical the Kingdom in an attempt to meet the World Health Organisation's objective of providing bealth care for all citizens hy the year 2000.

"Because of the comprehensive bealth centres in the country, hospitals are now dealing with only five per cent of the total

The acting director of the Health Department in Zarqa said medical services in the governorate bave been improved and expanded resulting in 27 health centres which offer general has plans for opening many other medical services, mother and people,

facilities to some 400,000 registered inhabitants.

He said the mortality rate among children has dropped to 35 per one thousand as a result of improved medical services especially in treating diarrhoea. "The continual testing of water samples to ensure that drinking water is number of patients requiring pure and fit for buman consump-medical care," the minister said. tion also contributed," he said. tion also contributed," he said.

Following the opening cere-mony the minister, accompanied by local officials, toured different sections of the new centre which alone offers services to 15,000

67,000 expected to seek jobs by the end of 5-year plan

AMMAN (J.T.) - By the end of indicate the presence of 150,000 ciation (JEA) council, told the ing to the Ministry of Labour's states. Secretary General Saleh Kha-

Addressing a public meeting on problems in engineering, beld at the Professional Association Complex Thursday, Khasawneh said many of the unemployed of the future, like today, will be university educated, including engineers whose numbers are now

In reviewing the Jordanian labour market. Khasawneb said the Ministry of Labour's figures

the current 1986-1990 five-year non-Jordanian workers employed development plan, the number of in the Kingdom, while 350,000 job seekers in the Kingdom is Jordanians are employed in Arab expected to reach 67,000, accord- countries especially the Gulf There is increasing demand for

people to work in agricultural and sawneh noted. He said hy the end of the

anced technology, rather than traditional graduates of engineer-

meeting that university graduates far more exceed the number of graduates from polytechnic and community colleges in Jordan, and "the Kingdom therefore continues to face a shortage in the number of assistant engineers and service sectors, which are mostly others who graduate from filled hy non-Jordanians, Kha-polytechnic schools."

Atwan said that half of the country's 20,000 engineers are five-year plan there will be more demand for maintenance technical, cians and those skilled in adv- electrical and other fields.

He expressed the opinion that the coming years will witness ing schools.

Dr. Ahmad Atwan, a member of the Jordanian Engineers Asso-

AMMAN (Petra) — The Ministry of Labour's Vocational Training Corporation (VTC) bas emharked on a programme of free vocational training to all employment in the construction business, botel management, sales and ready made clothing industries, according to the Corporation's annual statistical statement released here Friday.

The statement said training for employment in these sectors lasts between two and five months. and offers the participants the sufficient skills required.

jor centres and several smaller ones throughout the Kingdom in cooperation with 2,200 businesses, companies and factor- and women training in the follow-

The statement, marking the VTC's 11th anniversary, said last

year the corporation's centres in the Kingdom offered training to able-bodied Jordanians seeking 11,000 apprentices under a comprehensive programme for young men and women, including those wbo completed preparatory schools but failed to be admitted to secondary schools. In implementation of the

VTC's five-year development plan, four additional vocational training centres will be established in the Kingdom in the coming two years, to offer train-VTC training programmes are ing to young men and women and being offered through its 10 maprepare them for local and Arah prepare them for local and Arah labour markets, the statement noted.

VTC centres offer young men

ing fields: auto mecbanics, jewellery, electrical trades, air-conditioning, plumbing and sanitation, decorating, huilding, hotel management, dress making, and central heating, the statement

These courses last two years and provide the trainces with sufficient expertise in theory and practice, the statement added. In addition, the VTC has organised 30 special training courses for supervisors in factories, orienting them on general occu-

pational safety measures, the

statement noted It said the VTC cooperates with institutions in the Jordanian private and public sector and has strong ties with Arab and international organisations.

Abu Qoura condemns Israel's deportation of eight Palestinians

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) --- The Jordan National Red Crescent Society (JNRCS) condemned Israel's deportation of eight Arab citizens from the West Bank and Gaza Strip as a flagrant violation of the Geneva

Jordan News Agency, Petra, that the deportation of the eight the deportation of the eight Palestinians to Lehanon, earlier Lehanon said it would lodge a this week, was clearly in breach of provisions contained in the Geneva Conventions which prohibit the displacement of people in occupied territories by force to another land under any circumst-

Israel on Tuesday expelled six citizens from the West Bank and two from the occupied Gaza Strip territories following the 1967 war for their involvement in organising and carrying out demonstra-

condemned the expulsions as turing detaining people, and de-

JNRCS President Ahmad Abu illegal under international law, Ooura said in a statement to the citing the Geneva Conventions

complaint with the U.N. Security Council against the latest expulsions of Palestinians to the Bekaa

Dr. Ahu Qoura said Israel was among the signatories of the 1951 Geneva Conventions, but the Jewish state has violated provisions since its occupation of Arah with the Arab states.

"The Israeli authorities conninue to violate all the Geneva "Friendly countries, including agreements especially during the Israel's closest ally, the U.S. ongoing uprising by killing tor-

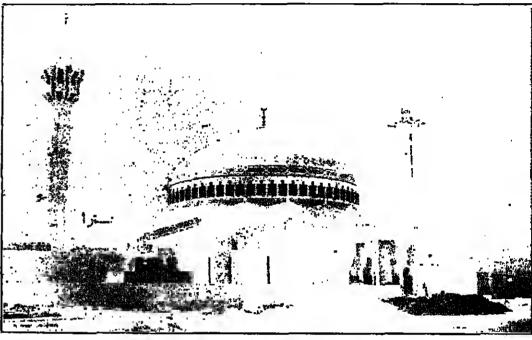


Ahmad Abu Qoura

molishing Arah homes in the occupied Arah territories," Abu

Abu Qoura called on the international community "to exert pressure on Israeli authorities to implement the Geneva Conven-

tions in dealing with the Arah population under occupation



King Abdullah Ibn Al Hussein Mosque under construction in Abdali (Petra photo)

King Abdullah Mosque to be inaugurated during October

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) — The tion ceremony. Building.

King Abdullah Ibn Al Hussein Hasbern said the Ministry of This hall, he said, will be Mosque at Ahdali in Amman will be inaugurated during the Kingdom's celebrations of the Prophet Mohammad's birthday in October under the patronage of His Majesty King Hussein, according to an official statement issued

The statement quoted the pro-ject's director Ahdul Rahman Hashem as saying that a tender will be awarded to a local firm in the coming two weeks to carry out the electrical part of the project and to provide furniture for the internal sections of the

He said the implementation of this project, in addition to the designs and the construction of the second phase of the project. amounts to JD 1.5 million.

Hashem expects that the whole project will be completed by the end of October for the inaugura-

is sponsoring the project, will later embark on a third phase and other occasions. which entails the construction of a multi-purpose ball on a plot of a permanent exhibition displayland adjacent to the mosque coming progress in the restoration plex towards the Parliament work on Al Aqsa Mosque

Awoaf and Islamic Affairs, which offered to the public to use for weddings, charitable exhibitions

In addition, the hall will house

Ministry issues results of 3rd preparatory exams

Ministry Secretary General Dr. 10:00 a.m. Munther Al Masri Friday said the Ministry's Examination Directo- have passed the exams, so that rate had issued the results of the out of 63,834 students a total of examination admitting students 53,945 students passed. to pursue studies at the secondary

results from their respective examination.

AMMAN (Petra) - Education schools heginning Saturday at

He said that the 84.5 per cent - -

He added that students who stage for the scholastic year 1987/ took the examination on private hases can pick up their results. He said students who took the from the Examination Directorate examinations can pick up their through which they sat for the

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Friday's

Al Ra'i: Committed towards Palestine

IN response to the desires of the PLO, the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people, and Arah countries for severing legal and administrative ties with the West Bank, the council of ministers decided to terminate the services of employees working at Jordanian departments in the occupied lands. But another decision was taken to safeguard the rights and compensation of these civil servants who will be duly compensated and remunerated. The Jordanian government excluded employees working for religious affairs departments and those employed by the chief Islamic justice office as they are serving the Islamic heritage and culture in the boly land. Despite Jordan's decision to cut ties with the West Bank, the government was keen on protecting the rights of employees there and to take measures for safeguarding the status of those who continue to serve Islamic causes. This is a clear show of Jordan's keepness on maintaining its support for the people of the occupied Palestinian land. This also underlines the fact that regardless of any measures related to the severing of ties with the West Bank, Jordan will continue to hold on to its national commitments and will honour its national responsibilities towards Palestine.

Al Dustour: PLO's responsibility

JORDAN which responded favourably to the wishes and desires of the PLO and Arab states by severing ties with the West Bank now looks forward to witnessing the organisation shouldering its national responsibilities towards the Palestinian people. Jordan now expects from the PLO to take measures that would prove, in word and deed, its drive to enhance the Palestinian people's steadfastness and struggle, and prevent the Zionists from uprooting the Arab inhabitants from their homeland. Jordan realises too well Zionism's amhitions and evil objectives in the Arah lands and therefore it declared its intention to continue supporting the Palestinians despite the severing of ties with the West Bank as requested by the PLO. Jordan, acting in implementation of the Great Arah Revolt ideals that advocated unity and freedom for all Arabs, will continue to help the Arab people of Palestine to repel aggression and thwart Zionists' objectives. It is hoped that the PLO will now move fast and employ all means available to it to help the Palestinians in cooperation with Jordan

Sawt Al Shaab: Wise, courageous move

ARAB and Palestinian circles have praised Jordan's measures vis-a-vis the West Bank as wise and courageous because they came as in response to the desires of the Arah countries and the PLO. Jordan had to be faithful to the Arah Nation and therefore took this sound and bold step in order to re-build its relations with the PLO on a sound and solid hase. The Jordanian move angered the enemies of the Arah Nation but brought relief to the Arabs and the PLO, and added to Jordan's credibility and boosted its status within the Arah World. Jordan which decided Thursday to terminate the services of West Bank employees has shown keenness on protecting these employees' rights as it decided to offer compensation and pension to them. Jordan has thus shown to the world that it will continue to honour its commitments to the Palestinian people despite the recent measures which came at the request of the PLO. This country has shown beyond doubt that it is ready to shoulder its national commitments at all times.

Thursday's

Al Ra'i: Commitment to Arab causes

REACTIONS to King Hussein's speech to the nation last week were unanimous in underlining the importance of Jordan's nanonal role over the past years and the Kingdom's significant status as catalyst for pan-Arab solidarity. Jordan's national role and its continued support for the Palestinian people stem from the mission of the Great Arab Revolt and its solid commitment to serve all Arah causes. This fact was reaffirmed to the world by the King's speech which reiterated Jordan's continued backing for the Palestinians and their just struggle despite the country's decision to sever legal and administrative ties with the West Bank. Though Jordan's decision was met with relief and satisfaction by Arab circles, it was cause for anger within the Israeli political circles, which saw in it a new Jordanian measure designed to bolster the uprising in the occupied Arah territories and a means for boosting inter-Arah solidarity. A fact that Israel and the rest of the world realise is that the Jordanian-Palestinian unity will continue regardless of the administrative measures taken in response to certain circumstances, and that Jordan will maintain its full backing for the Palestinian people in their struggle to regain their homeland and their rights

Al Dustour: Jordan remains committed to peace

JORDAN'S recent decision to sever legal and administrative nes with the West Bank has shaken Washington's policies in the Middle East as much as it has drawn angry and conflicting reactions from inside Israel. The decision will no doubt prompt Washington to reassess its own policies which have hitherto heen hinging on biased and unlimited support for Israel with total disregard to Arah views. The Jordanian move upset the Israeli leadership and added to its embarrassment which has been prevailing ever since the outhreak of the Palestinian uprising some eight months ago.

Marwan Muasher

Jordanians are not accustomed to going to court

AROUND this time last year the Ministry of Higher Education issued a highly controversial regulation. In effect, the ministry would not accredit any degree from a non-Jordanian university obtained by a Jordanian who has not obtained a high enough average in the tawiihi that year to allow him admittance in his field of study to a Jordanian university. That in effect meant that such Jordanians could not work in the public sector, where such a accreditation is needed. A big uproar followed, in which many prominent educationists protested against the regulation. Some Parliament members protested on the grounds that the regulation is against the principles of the constitution, guaranteeing the freedom of edocation for all Jordanians. The Ministry of Higher Education held on, however, arguing that it is not preventing Jordanians from studying abroad, but that it reserves the option of not allowing them to work in the public sector. Overnight, the tawjihi examination, with its good and bad points, became an international standard of excellence for Jordanians.

A contentious Jordanian who is also a lawyer, did something that few Jordanians have been accustomed to doing. He took the Ministry of Higher Education to court. His argument was simple, yet pragmatic. Instead of going through philosophical arguments, he simply maintained that the law of the ministry gave it the mandate to dictate acceptance levels for universities in Jordan, not outside of it.

As such, it had no business issuing regulations that apply to non-Jordanian institutes of learning. The court agreed.

Another interesting thing happened. Suddenly, the Ministry of Higher Education backed off from its initial stand, and issued a statement maintaining that its decision was only a "recommendation" that need not be applied. The minister, completely evading the issue, stated that not a single case has arised where the "recommendation" applies and where the ministry bas refused accreditation. Regardless, what is important is that the minister had no choice but to agree with the court. The end result is a triumph, even if it is a small one, for what should be a system of checks and balances in

The Jordanian constitution guarantees the right of Jordanians to take the government to court. It is useful to read chapter six, article 102 of the constitution in this regard: "Courts have jurisdiction over all persons in all civil and criminal cases including those by or against the government except for cases relating to religious or special courts as dictated by the constitution."

The constitution is clear. Just as it demands duties of its citizens, it puts checks on government to ensure proper participation. Yet Jordanians are not accustomed to going to courts, let alone against the government. They have this notion that to do that is to put them

in a no-win situation. Thus, several laws bave passed in the past despite the clear disapproval of a wide section of society, because parliament was not effective in putting the proper checks, and because Jordanians were reluctant to contest these laws in court. This incident, 1 hope, will help to change the current state of affairs. While it is certainly not the first of its kind, it is one of the few

contested in court with such far reaching consequences. More importantly than the decision itself is the ability of our courts to disagree with the government and the ability of our government to respect the court's decision. Even if the minister's statement was diplomatically made, the government backed off from its initial

position without much fuss.

This was clearly a case of the Jordanian constitution working in action. I hope it will clear the misconception in people's minds that they cannot contest decisions that they disapprove of, because the constitution certainly gives them the right to do so. The mere feeling, regardless of which argument wins, that decisions made hy the executive branch could be contested is comforting.

The decision taken in court recently is certainly a triumph for everybody. It is a triumph for the Jordanian public, whose right to education was preserved, and it is a triumph for the government, who accepted the decision of the court. Ahove all, it is a triumph for

U.S. arms: Why Arabs shop elsewhere

By Donald Neff

FOR ARAB states, it is one of the galling facts of political life in Washington that Israel's hold over the Congress is so complete that the Arabs can't even give their money away. Unlike Israel, which gets its American weapons free of charge, the Arabs pay cash on the barrelhead. This they have shown themselves more than willing to do, at great profit to U.S. companies, hut still Congress balks. Since 1978, American legislators of both parties have done all they could to obstruct, prevent and defy successive administrations' attempts to sell weapons to the Arabs. It's no wonder that Saudi Arabia finally got sick of such tactics and turned to Britain early in July with what is being called the arms deal of the century - as much as \$30

No one ontside Israel's lobby was hlaming the Saudis for doing what they thought they had to do to acquire the weaponry they want. In the recent British case, this includes about 50 sophis-ticated Tornado combat aircraft, 60 Hawk trainer planes, 50 Black Hawk helicopters, 6 mine-sweepers, numerous other items and construction of airbases in Saudi Arabia. All this will be purchased without the humiliating restrictions that Congress routinely imposes on America's arms deals with Arabs states.

These restrictions often take the form of demeaning demands on cash customers. An acute case came last year when Congress approved the sale of a paltry \$7m worth (Israel receives \$1.8 billion in annual American grants to its defence establishment) of Stinger shoulder-held anti-aircraft missiles to Bahrain. But Congress then imposed stringent restrictions: 1) the sale would involve no more than 70 missiles and 14 launchers; 2) missiles and launchers had to be stored separately; 3) U.S. officials must be allowed spot checks; 4) the president must report to Congress every three months on the availability of alternative air-defence systems; 5) Pentagon plans had to be dropped to sell Stingers to Oman;
6) Stingers could be sold to no other Gulf State; and 7) Bahrain must agree to resell the missiles and launchers to the United States within 18 months. Presumably by that time the Pentagon would have found an alternative weapon, but even if it hadn't, Bahrain would have to return the

In the same year, 1987, 64 senators, led by that redoubtable defender of Israel, Alan Cranston (D-Cal.), once known as an advocate of human rights hut now a major recipient of pro-Israeli campaign contributions, wrote to President Reagan urging him to ahandon a proposed \$1.4 hillion arms sale to Sandi Arabia. The package included 12 F-15s, 1,600

Maverick anti-tank missiles and M-60 tanks. In the letter, the lawmakers charged that Saudi Arabia continued to help finance the PLO and had not helped in the peace process, therefore it could not be trusted with U.S. arms. It was only after lengthy negotiations with key senators that a compromise was reached - at Riyadh's expense. The administration agreed to drop the Mayerick missiles from the Saudi package in return for the Senate's. approval to sell 12 F-15s. However, it was agreed that the war-planes would be kept in the Uaited States and sent to Saudi Arabia only as replacements for losses from the Saudi's existing force of 60 F-15s.

"Senator Percy was defeated in 1984 because of a national campaign by Israel's supporters against his vote in favour of Awacs for Saudi

That was only the latest in a series of studied Congressional humiliations for the Arabs, and particularly Saudi Arabia. The previous year Sandi Arabia had to sit by and watch both houses of Congress for the first time in history turn down a measly \$354 arms package, forcing President Reagan to veto the rejection. It was only after a spirited fight that the White House convinced 34 senators - the absolute minimum needed to overturn his yeto and allow the sale to go through. In 1985, Reagan had to drop a proposed sale of Stinger missiles to Saudi Arabia and Jordan when 51 senators, once again led by crusading Cranston, wrote a letter strongly opposing the sale. The previous year Reagan had to invoke his emergency security powers to bypass Congressional opposition to sell 400 Stingers and 200 launchers to Saudi Arabia.

The really portentous battle, however, occurred in 1981. It was so hruising that it surely alerted Saudi Arabia that it could not long depend on Washington for its weapons and had to seek alternative suppliers. On March 6 of that year the administration announced it planned to sell military arms and sophisticated Awacs planes to Saudi Arabia. Israel and its supporters created such an uproar that the fight later was called "among the most intense (lohhy efforts) ever experi-enced by Congress." The cam-paign became so nasty and so time-consuming for the president that it lasted into the autumn, causing Reagan on Oct. 1, in an unusual public criticism of Israel, to complain at a press conference that "it is not the

Nonetheless, the battle persisted and Reagan had to invest his time and energies to keep the Congress from disapproving it. The House voted 301 to 111 on only heavy pressure from Reagan that finally got the sale through the Senate on Oct. 28 hy a majority of four. While the administration had won the battle, Israel had impressed upon Saudi Arabia that if the administration bucked Israel's wishes, it would have to pay dearly in time, effort and, ultimately, political prestige.

For legislators, the message was equally grim. As Professor Cheryl A. Rubenberg, a percep-tive critic of U.S.-Israeli relations, noted: "Thereafter how a senator voted on this issue betoward Israel. Those who were labelled 'unfriendly' faced serious problems at reelection." One such victim was Illinois Republican Senator Charles Percy, chairman of the prestigious Senate foreign affairs committee. He was defeated in 1984, in part because in favour of Awacs for Saudi cast that did not totally endorse

Israel's self-perceived interests. If any other proof of Congress' subservience to Israel were needed, it was vividly demonstrated as early as 1978 when President Carter approved a major sale of warplanes to Israel as well as Egypt and Saudi Arabia. The Arab countries would have to approve the whole package or none of it. However, the three way \$4.8 hillion arms package caused such an uproar in Israel and among Israel's American supporters that Carter was forced to spend inordinate amounts of time on the issue. The fight became so emotional that the White House's liaison with the Jewish community, Mark Siegel, res-igned in protest, publicly charg-ing that the administration was He noted, with considerable trying to weaken the power of the

Israeli lohhy.

After much wrangling, the Senate finally approved the sale hnt Carter had learned a painful lesson: Bucking Israel's supporters was a time-consuming and politically damaging enterprise.

As the president's Middle East expert on the National Security Council. William Quandt, noted: "He won the hattle hut seemed to conclude that it was a costly victory ... As a result, Carter decided to work through (Prime Minister) Begin, not against

Against this doleful background, it is not surprising that the Saudis turned to other, more reliable sources on which to lavish their cash. The first major hint of Riyadh's turning away from American arms came as early as 1985 when the Saudis, disgusted

hy yet more administration dithering over whether to sell it additional F-15s, turned to Britain and ordered warplanes there. The cash deal was worth at least Oct. 14 to turn it down; it was \$7 billion, and some observers estimated nearly three times that amount, making it up to that time the largest arms sale in history. In addition, there were apparently no restrictions imposed on the technical capabilities of the British planes for location of their hases and, unlike America's F-15s that had been sold to Sandi Arabia earlier, they were configured as ground attack aircraft rather than air defence intercep-

Loss of that sale, and now especially of the latest one, are major hlows to U.S. industry. came the most important factor in the (Jewish) lohby's determina-servatively estimates that every tion of an individual's 'friendship' \$1 hillion deal lost to foreign countries equals the loss of at least 25,000 American jobs. In addition, the Saudis at the same time secretly turned to China to huy intermediate-range missiles, which Washington only discovered this year. Once again, the Saudis were not believed to be of a national campaign by Israel's subjected by the Chinese to the supporters condemning his vote same humiliating restrictions on the placement and capabilities of Arabia, the only vote he had ever the missiles that the United States would have demanded.

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But such is Congress' subordination to Israel that it apparently cares more to prove its "allegiance" than to stand up for a rational policy or American business or security interests. The fact is U.S. officials themselves are embarrassed by Congress' toadying antics. White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater did not hesitate to crincise Congress understatement, the latest deal was "a \$30 billion loss that American companies neight well be fairly upset about ... We regret they had to turn to Great Bri-

A more insightful comment was made by an unidentified high Saudi official to the New York Times: "We would prefer to buy weapons from the United States . hut we are not going to pay hillions of dollars to be insulted. We are not masochists." He added: "There is no logic in the opposition we are facing in Congress from the pro-Israel lobby. They are not accomplishing anything except showing that AIPAC (American-Israel Public Affairs Committee) can deliver senators. Israel is not more secure. We just buy from another source" Middle East International.

Muslims reap spiritual rewards of pilgrimage

By Ahmed Shawki

CAIRO - They came from the corners of the earth bareheaded, simply clothed in white robes, their links to the outside world severed by a simple

Braving daytime temperatures as high as 45 degrees centigrade they trod the same stony paths to Islam's holiest places as thosewalked by the first Muslims more than 14 centuries ago.

This correspondent was among more than a million people who travelled to Sandi Arabia for this year's Haj. The pilgrimage is a time of spiritual fulfilment, a chance to get closer to God. Some felt they had done just

Bareheaded pilgrims, faint from the blistering noon sun at Mount Arafat near the holy city of Mecca at the climax of the pilgrimage on July 23, saw thick clouds cover the sky.

An unusually cool breeze fol-

"This is a miracle... God has accepted our plea for forgive-Egyptian theologian Ahmed Omar Hashem told a group of pilgrims.
"God has invited us to come

here seeking his mercy and he is now telling us that it has been given to us," he said, breaking into tears.

His words quickly spread among the throngs of pilgrims and thousands joined in prayers. Many of the thousands were carried up and down the rocky slopes of Mount Arafat in some of the 800,000 cars and huses called in to ferry the faithful. Saudi Arabia built nine diffe-

rent well-paved highways to the holy places but such was the volume of traffic that it sometimes moved at walking pace. Helicopters hovered overhead

- noisy guardians of Islam's holy places, ever-vigilant for signs of disorder among the tide of humanity beneath their swirling rotors.

An army of cleaners moved into action each day to keep streets clean with millions of gallons of antiseptic sloshed around the sidewalks where thousands of pilgrims camped. More than 20,000 men super-

vised health care work and hundreds of ambulance and mobile hospitals were scattered among the cities of tents. The Haj unites rich and poor,

young and old in a celebration of their faith. Islam — others are the profession of faith in God and his Prophet

Mohammad, praying, fasting dur-

ing the month of Ramadan and giving alms. The Haj starts with the tawaf

(encircling), when pilgrims walk round Islam's holiest shrine, Al Ka'ha, seven times, going anticlockwise. They then turn to pray towards

the gold and silver encrusted Ka'ha washed with rosewater by a member of the Saudi roya

The climax is on Mount Arafat when the pilgrims gather for the wuquf (standing), held on the ninth day of the Islamic month of Thul-Hijjah. Later pilgrims visit the Prophet Mohammad's grave

The pilgrims faced right security when they arrived in Sandi Arabia for this year's Haj.

The kingdom was determined to prevent a repeat of last year's violence between security forces and Iranian pilgrims in which 402 people, mainly Iranians, were killed.

Passports and visas were carefully checked, pilgrims were searched and luggage subjected to close scrutiny. Later, as the pil-grims entered the grand mosque in Mecca to pray they were searched again. Security was both visible and covert.

cnons everywhere - plainclothes detectives were harder to spot until an incident revealed

A thief was surrounded by plam-clothes men after stealing a wallet from a pilgrim. "We cannot afford a single

incident that mars the Haj season or repeniion of last year's bloody clashes," one khaki-dressed policeman said.

"The absence of Iranians was a great help," he said. Iran decided to boycott the Haj

after Saudi Arabia set limits on the numbers of pilgrims from all countries who would be allowed to perform the pilgrimage. The limit would have restricted to 45,000 the numbers of Iranian

pilgrims, compared to 150,000 last year. Government officials speaking

privately said they were relieved at the absence of Iranians but publicly announced Iranian pilgrims were welcome.

We are sorry for the absence. of Iranian pilgrims this year but their government is to hlame," Minister of Pilgrimage Abdul Wahhah Al Wasie told television viewers.

heir faith.

Many pilgrims seemed pleased
It is one of the five pillars of at the Iranians' absence. "By staying away they gave us a peaceful Haj," a taxi driver

Kuwaiti youth forego easy life to learn pearl diving

By Philip Shehadi Reuter

KUWAIT - Many young Kuwaitis visit foreign holiday resorts to avoid the choking heat of a Gulf summer, but teenager Khaled Salem and his friends prefer hardship and danger at sea, diving for pearls as their forefathers did.

The youths have joined a summer youth camp aimed at turning pampered Kuwaiti teenagers into expert pearl divers.

"The goal is to revive a way of hife lived by our fathers and grandfathers," said Khalifa Rashid, who teaches at the camp. Rashid first dived for pearls 50 years ago at the age of nine. "If

the skill will die," he said. Natural pearls from the Gulf once graced the necks of wealthy ladies from New York to Bom-

we don't pass it on to our youth,

vanished when Japan developed cheaper and more uniform cultured pearls in the 1930s.

business of other countries to

make American foreign policy."

The Gulf went on to find new and undreamed of riches in oil. Now 17-year-old Salem is one of 150 boys who gave up fancy cars and summer trips to Cannes beaches or London nightclubs to

acquire an ancient skill. Instead, they have to shave their heads and cope with gruelling 12-hour days at camp, learning how to dive and row and survive at sea.

"At school I keep thinking how much fun it will be when the summer comes and I can start pearl diving again," Salem said. A 1985 study commissioned by the emir of Kuwait concluded that young men spent too much time racing fast cars, watching television and banned videos, and

chasing girls. All are frowned upon in a

bay, but the trade all but society that remains committed to conservative Islamic values despite its vast oil wealth. What makes Salem seek out

the hardships of the past? "We want to try what our fathers and grandfathers did. I like the adventure. What will 1 do at home, sit around and do nothing?"

The 16-day pearling expedition sets off in August for waters off Khiran, near the Saudi Arabian border, and organisers vow there will be no concessions to modern

"Last year we applied only 50 per cent of the real life of a diver." said supervisor Hassan Rajad. "This year, God willing, we will apply 100 per cent."

Dozens of boys dressed in Tshirt and wizar, a brightly colouted wrap-around skirt, prepare the ropes and weights they will use to descend to the seabed.

"When they first came their than the great pearling ships of hands were so soft they got blisters just handling the ropes," said Khalifa as he inspected their bandiwork. "Now look at them." Few seemed apprehensive ab-

out getting sunstroke in the heat of 50 degrees centigrade or running into a shark or poisonous jellyfish underwater. "I'm used to it," said 18-year-

the marine sports club every

morning in his Mercedes. It is his ramme. During an expedition pearlers wake at sea with the Muslim sunrise call to prayer. After dates and coffee, they prise open oyster shells collected the previous day.

anchor. If not, they row to a new location. The emir specially ordered a fleet of 12 wooden ships, from five to 10 metres long. Smaller

If pearls are plentiful, they stay at

the past, they have the same shape, square stern and pointed bow, and are piloted by experienced pearlers like Rashid.

Diving begins around six a.m. with a net hung around his neck and wearing nose clips, the diver slips his foot into a loop on a weighted rope and descends.

Once down, he gropes along old Ali Hussein, who arrives at the seahed, pries loose the oyster shells and tugs on his rope when he runs out of breath. A second summer on the prog- colleague, called a seeb, pulls him

> The men make 10 dives at a time, at depths of five to seven metres, with only a few minutes

> rest in between. Breaks are allowed after noon and afternoon prayers. Diving ends at sunset, and the crew has the only real meal of the day rice, fish and tea. Fresh water is

rationed.

If a diver gets into trouble attacked by a shark or stung by a sea urchin or stingray - he gives the rope two or three violent tugs and is hauled up at top speed.

Salem said the only time he felt scared was when a large but harmless fish, locally known as hammour, bumped his chest. Otherwise the fun seemed to

outweigh the hardship. "After dinner the boats tie up together and everybody swaps stories," Salem said. "I go to visit Ali and ask him how many shells he got. We play music."

The pearls, still abundant in the Gulf, are presented to the emir as a gift. The boys get cash bonuses

"In 10 years we will have trained 700 boys. That's enough to train all of Kuwait," said Rashid. "And when they are as old as I am, they can teach their children how to dive."

MIDDLE EAST NEWS IN BRIEF

Iran denies holding hostages at its embassy

MCOSIA (R) — The Iranian embassy in Beirut denied Thursday a statement by Syrian Defence Minister Mustafa Tlas that foreign hostages might be held there, the Iranian news agency IRNA through the embassy said it was not involved in the hostage issue reported. The embassy said it was not involved in the hostage issue and dismissed the remark by Tlas in an interview with the West German magazine Stern as untrue, IRNA said. The magazine this week quoted the Syrian minister as saying 18 Westerners believed kidnapped in Lebanon were probably being held in the embassy or in the southern port of Sidon.

Sudan's energy minister resigns

KHARTOUM (R) — Sudanese Prime Minister Sadeq Al Mahdi was accepted the resignation of Energy Minister Bakri Ahmad Adeel, an official statement said Thursday. The two-line statement did not say why Adeel had quit but his departure coincided with one of Khartoum's worst energy crises in recent years. Most of the capital bas been without electricity for nearly a week. Adeel is an important politburo member in Mahdi's Umma Party, part of the ruling coalition. He took the energy brief on May 15 after serving as education minister for two years in two coalition governments led

Egypt to get replacement U.S. plane

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Pentagon notified Congress Thursday it had approved the sale of a single F-16 jet fighter to Egypt to replace a similar plane that crashed last year. The Defence Department, in a brief statement, estimated the deal at \$21 million and said the U.S. air force would be responsible for overseeing the transaction, assuming there were no congressional objections. Pentagon said Egypt would receive a more modern "D" model of the F-16 as a result of the replacement deal. "This F-16D will be cased to replace an F-16A model aircraft which was purchased from the United States and which crashed in May 1987," the Pentagon said. 'The sale of this equipment and support will not affect the basic military balance in the region."

Hungary to open direct flights to Israel

BUDAPEST (R) - Hungary is close to launching direct flights to Tel Aviv as relations between Budapest and Israel warm rapidly despite their lack of diplomatic nes. The official MTI newsagency said Thursday that the charter flights had already been settled in principle. "The agreement (is) to be signed in a matter of months as soon as some points of husiness and security are cleared."

Iran hangs dissident

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NICOSIA (R) - Iran said a leading member of the Mujahedeen-E-Khalo organisation was hanged for his role in an offensive into western Iran last week, the Iranian news agency IRNA reported Thursday. IRNA said the dissident was hanged in public in Ilam in western Iran Wednesday. It did not name bim but said he was "one of the main elements involved in (Mujahedeen) plannings and massacre of the innocent people of the western town of Islamabade Gharb." Units of Mujahedeen's National Liberation Army (NLA) based in Iraq attacked Iran's western borders July 26 and captured several towns, including Islamabad-e Gharb 100 kilometres from the border. The NLA withdrew after 72 bours to prepare for further attacks. Iran said seven Mujahedeen members were hanged in Bakhtaran Monday.

Iran sends message to Greece

ATHENS (AP) - A senior tranian official Thursday delivered a personal message to Premier Andreas Papandreou from Iranian Prime Minister Mir Hussein Musavi, a government announcement said. The announcement did not disclose the contents of the message delivered to Papandreou by Iran's deputy premier for political affairs, Ali Reza Moayeri. The Iranian official arrived here Wednesday after a visit to Turkey. During his stay there, he gave Premier Turgut Ozal a message from Musavi asking for Turkey to support a U.N.-backed effort for a ceasefire in the Iran-Iraq war. Earlier in the day, Moayeri met with Greek Foreign Minister Carolos Papoulias and discussed developments at the United Nations on the Gulf war. The statement said Papoulias expressed "Greece's satisfaction over Iran's acceptance of U.N. Security Council Resolution 598."

Greece delays decision on U.S. request

ATHENS (R) — Greece Thursday postponed for a month a hearing on whether to extradite a Palestinian wanted by U.S. authorines to stand trial for a 1982 bomb attack on a civilian airliner. A three-member judicial council said it would consider the request to extradite Mohammad Rashid Sept. 5. The United States has accused Rashid of planting a bomb on a Pan American Airways flight over Hawait, which killed a Japanese boy and wounded 15 other passengers. The judicial council said it needed time to examine further documents on the 34-year-old Palestinian before making a decision. Rashid's defence lawyer also asked for a delay to bring witnesses to testify in his favour. If the council approves extradition, the decision may be referred to the Greek supreme court for review.

Bonn politician thanks Iran

BONN (R) — Social Democratic politician and trouble-shooter Hans-Juergen Wischnewski thanked Iran Friday for trying to secure the release of West German hostage Rudolf Cordes, kidnapped by Lebanese militants 19 months ago. "I would like to thank those responsible in Iran for handing over signs of life from Dr. Cordes," he told reporters. "I urge them to continue their efforts." West German authorities said this week Cordes, Lebanon manager for the Hoechst chemical company, has sent one letter to the government and two to his family. They were delivered by an Algerian-born West German emissary, Abdul Kader Sahraoui, who said Thursday the chances of Cordes being freed were "really

UAE celebrates Sheikh Zayed anniversary

ABU DHABI (R) — The United Arab Emirates (UAE) Friday celebrated the 22nd anniversary of Sheikh Zayed Ibn Sultan Al Nahayan's accession to power in the largest emirate of Abu Dhabi. Sheikh Zayed, who is also president of the UAE, became ruler of Abu Dhahi in 1966 after a family decision found his eldest brother Sheikh Shakhbout unfit to rule. Born in Abu Dhabi in 1918, he is regarded as the engineer of the federation of seven emirates formed a year after their independence from Britain in 1970. The UAE has an interim consultation under which Sheikh Zayed was reelected for a fourth five-year term in 1986.



Palestinian refugees receive food, cleaning tools and other aid from U.N. workers at Beirut's Shatilla camp

U.N. keeps up effort to determine hostage fate

Nations Relief and Works Agenthe fate of kidnapped British wri-ter Alec Collett, UNRWA Com-the body was his. missioner-General Gorgeo Giacomelli said Friday.

"We keep in touch with embassies and authorines that are interested and engaged in the efforts to free hostages of diffe-rent nationalities," Giacomelli told a news conference in west

He was asked whether the agency has had any fresh in-formation about Collett, 67, who was abducted while on a writing assignment for UNRWA in South Lebanon March 15, 1985. "I'm afraid for quite some time

we bave beard no news' about him," Giacomelli said in the 30minute conference at the seaside Summerland hotel. The Revolutionary Organisa-

tion of Socialist Muslims, believed linked to the Palestinian faction led by Abu Nidal, claimed Collett's abduction.

captors claimed they hanged him population from 55,000 in 1982 to to avenge British support for the U.S. air attack of Libya a week

The group released a videotape to encourage people to return.

BEIRUT (AP) — The United purporting to show Collett's body Nations Relief and Works Agendangling from a gallows a week cy (UNRWA) that serves Palestilater. But U.N. officials who nian refugees wants to determine worked with Collett and saw the tape said they could not confirm

> However, American embassy officials in Lebanon said they believe Collett was dead earlier and that the group took advantage of the U.S. air raid to fake the execution.

Collett is among 18 foreigners missing in Lebanon. They include nine Americans, three Britons, a West German, an Italian, an Irishman, an Indian and two unidentified men.

Giacomelli called the news conference after completing a five-day inspection of the warbattered refugee camps of Shatilla and Bourj Al Barajneh in

He said UNRWA was engaged in emergency repairs, rubble clearance, distribution of basic commodities to needy families and the restoration of essential infrastructure in the two camps. Both shantytowns have been devastated by waves of factional On April 23, 1986, Collett's warfare that reduced their

> about 7,000 Giacomelli said repair work would continue in the two camps

mony that some of the names in

the book were written by some-

one else. He would not say who

wrote them and refused to discuss

The court also heard that a

man suspected to have helped

Hamadi hijack the Trans World

Airlines plane to Beirut, Izzed-

dine, helped to pick up explosives

for the CSPPA from a Paris

contact point for the group's

A third person, Ibrahim Akil,

was the man who gave Hamadi

orders to smuggle explosives into

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FRANKFURT (R) - Lebanese security chief, said in earlier testihijaek suspeci Mohammad Ali Hamadi was linked with an underground group in France responsible for a series of bomb allacks in 1986, the court lrying him heard Thursday.

Frankfurt's top-security court was also told that Hamadi. charged with the 1985 hijacking of a U.S. airliner and the killing of a passenger, had urged his brother in Beirut not to release two West German hostages until he himself was freed.

Harald Braun, an investigator for the West Ferman federal criminal office, testified that a notebook helonging to Hamadi listed names and telephone numbers of men later arrested or wanted for bomb attacks in France or smuggling explosives.
There were four entries con-

nected with bomb attacks in France," Braun told the court.

Braun said the group operated in France under the name Commiriee of Solidarily with Arab and Middle East Political Prisoners (CSPPA) and was behind 10 bomh attacks in Paris hetween Fehruary and September 1986 in which 10 people were killed and 270 injured.

Hamadi, whose hrother Abdul Hadi is said by Western sources in Lebanon to be Hizbollah

Visa applications by journalists

tions High Commissioner for Refugees in Addis Ababa said last week that 172,000 refugees bad fled from northern Somalia into Ethiopia since the end of May and 4,000 more were arriving each day.

A Somali air force pilot who defected to Djibouti July 14 said he had been ordered to bomb civilian targets in Hargeisa. But Warsame said the pilot was lying as the Somali air force had never

Chances improve for election of peace president for Lebanon

BEIRUT (R) --- A visit by Assistant U.S. Secretary of State Richard Murphy has given a boost to hopes of finding a leader acceptable to all the country's warring factions in the runup to presidential elec-

names and Friday held talks in choice further, political sources election.

"They (Americans) have come six contenders, all Maronite with determination to see a Christians, were former Minister smooth and peaceful election... this has speeded and focused the process," said one political Helou and Rene Moawad, for-

Parliament must choose a successor to President Amin Sept. 23 hut past elections have moun. been held several weeks before the deadline.

Although the ballot is secret. the choice is effectively the result of a consensus among different local and foreign powers.

Security sources said Murphy's visit had eased mounting nervousness that the poll might not he held, leading to a power vacuum and possible new military confrontation among rival mili-

Army chief Michel Aoun, speaking before Murphy's visit, warned in an interview published Friday he would send in troops to safeguard the election "at the slighiesi alert.'

Murphy, who saw acting Prime Minister Salim Al Hoss, Speaker Hussein Husseini and Gemayel, told reporters he hoped to see the election take place "in the coming days."

It was unclear how soon that

The sources said Murphy had no intention of shuttling between Damascus and Beirut to see the election through. "He wants to settle it now," said one source. A Western diplomat cautioned, however, that the pro-

cess was still hedged with uncertainty. "We don't know what's going to happen. And then we don't know what's going to bappen after whatever happens, bappens," be said. After 13 years of civil war, the election holds great importance for the Lebanese who want a

leader to reconcile the different factions and stop the country disintegrating The daily Al Safir said Friday: "The countdown has begun...

there are not more than five or six

After weeks of stalemate, Mur-by Thursday presented Lebanon where it bas some ebanese leaders with a list of six 25,000 troops, has been talking with the U.S. for several months Damascus in a bid to narrow the about smoothing the way to the

The sources told Reuters the

of Information Michel Edde, members of parliament Pierre mer Central Bank Governor Michel Al Khoury, lawyer Manuel Younes and National Gemayel before his term expires Liheral Party leader Dany Cha-

> American Ambassador John Kelly produced the list from dozens of people regarded as possible contenders after talks with local groups allowed him to eliminate those who were "unelectable," the sources said.

The 1943 national covenant calls for the president to be a Maronite, the prime minister a Sunni Muslim and the house speaker a Shi'ite Muslim Murphy's approach called for

all three in the next administration to be acceptable to all factions, the sources said. Aoun's warning has prompted charges from the hardline

Lebanese Forces militia controlling east Beirut that he was seeking to promote his own candi-

A Lebanese Forces spokesman told Reuters: "Michel Aoun is

trying to use security as a means of reinforcing his position as a candidate in the coming election.

"Through his decision to deploy troops loyal to him personalpressure on the deputies to strengthen his chances."

But Aoun's statement was seen by analysts as directed at any militia using force to persuade deputies to vote for a particular and east Beirut. candidate or seeking to sabotage the process.

Aoun was quoted as saying no deputy had complained of being pressured and there was no need yet for any deployment.

Asked if he was a candidate. Aoun said: "If I am asked, I will assume my responsibilioes hut I am not going to campaign or go around to persuade the deputies or parties concerned to elect

Aoun said a process of "nationpeace-making" should be developed which would mean the

elimination of milinas. "Today this tendency to peacemaking exists but it can only harden up if it is global." he said.

In Damascus, Syrian Foreign Minister Farouq Al Shara met Nabih Berri, leader of Lebanon's Shi'iie Amal movemeni, Thursday to discuss developments before the presidential election, diplomats said.

There have been several contacts between Lebanese officials the Lebanese police said they had

and Syrian leaders seeking to ensure smooth elections. Syrian President Hafez Al

Assad had talks Wednesday with Lebanese Druze leader Walid Blast hits Syrian post

An explosion ripped through a Syrian army checkpoint in Beirui Thursday night, wounding four ly, Aoun is trying to exert direct Syrian soldiers, police and security sources said.

The blast blew up a tin shack used by Syrian troops at the museum crossing over the socalled green line between west

Syrian forces immediately sealed off the area and waved traffic away from the debris-strewn street, witnesses said. The wounded Syrians were taken to nearby Barbir hospital.

The blast, which rocked the area shortly before midnight, appeared to be the latest allack aimed at Syria's military presence

in Lebanon. Seven people were killed and 50 wounded, including three Syrian soldiers, when a carbomb tore through a crowded residential

area in west Beirut July 22. Thursday's blast took place a few hours after Murphy drove through the museum crossing to

meet officials and then Gemayel. Murphy later met Farouq Al Sharaa n Damascus. The "Voice of Lebanon" radio

station said Thursday's blast was caused by a rocker that slammed into a building in Barbir where

the Syrian soldiers were sleeping.
The Syrian army command did not comment on the report and no clue who was behind the assault.

Police could not determine the type of rocket fired because the Syrians cordoned off the area and prevented them and an explosives expert from approaching.

Airbus compensation faces hurdles

of Representatives members are cool to an administration plan to pay compensation to the families of those killed when a U.S. warship downed an Iranian jetliner, with some insisting on "absolute guarantees" that Iran's government won't get the money.

"While we want to be humanitarian, we don't want to be naive." Rep. Patricia Schroeder told State and Defence Department officials at a bearing Thursday.

WASHINGTON (AP) - House Iranair A-300 airbus flying over the Gulf.

"Unless there are absolute guarantees, there are going to be absolute problems," said Les Aspin, chairman of the House of Representatives Armed Services Committee. Abraham Sofaer, the State De-

partment's legal adviser, said the offer to pay compensation flows from a traditional American spirit of compassion and humanity.

All nations except the Soviet

Union have paid compensation President Ronald Reagan bas after the destruction of a civilian proposed paying compensation to the families of the 290 killed July 3 when missiles from the U.S. Sofaer said.

cruiser Vincennes destroyed an The United States

every effort to ensure that Tehran's government does not benefit from the payments, he said, but added that cooperation from Iranian authorities probably will be essential if the victims' families are to be identified accurately and appropriate payment made.

If there were no cooperation and survivors proved impossible to identify with certainty, the

matter likely would end there. Aspin told the administration witnesses they face "a tough sell" in obtaining compensation funds from Congress because "the visceral reaction against the Iranian government runs very

Vassiliou seeks bipartisan U.S. approach

said Thursday that both candidates for U.S. president "clearly indicated" to him that they want to step up American involvement in seeking an end to the Greek-Turkish division of his island tra-

"I have had a very fruitful and intensive visit to Washington," Vassiliou told reporters. During four days of meetings the Greek-Cypriot leader had talks with President Ronald Reagan and other U.S. officials as well as the two candidates, Republican George Bush and Democrat

Michael Dukakis. The political campaign of Dukakis, who is Greek-American, has received strong financial

WASHINGTON (AP) — President George Vassiliou of Cyprus support from the Greek-American community, which also bas now." been campaigning for years for a withdrawal of Turkish forces U.S. support for his planned talks from Cyprus.

Vassiliou was asked whether he

thought Dukakis or Bush would play a more active role in seeking a solution to the Cyprus problem. "I want a bipartisan policy on Cyprus," Vassiliou said. "I do not want the Cyprus issue to be a case of contenuon - 'I can do better.' That doesn't help. So I prefer not to say more than that.

"But what I can say is that both of them have shown an increased interest in the Cyprus issue and both of them clearly indicated that they would like a more active role played by the United States

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Vassiliou said he found strong

with Rauf Denktash, leader of the Turkish Cypriot side, under auspices of U.N. Secretary General Javier Pere de Cuellar in New York starting Aug. 24. But beyond that, he said,

what I expect from the United States ... is a more clear indication of their desire to see an end to the problem, to see Cyprus being reunited again, and I think the United States has many ways of showing their desire in this

Asked whether he meant the Turkey to make concessions, lerest.

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Vassiliou said. "I don't like using this word. I don't think this is the age of pressures. It's the age of

understanding. Vassiliou said he expected the Reagan administration to work for a solution in its remaining months in office.

"I agree that a 'lame duck' administration, as its called in the United States, has a number of limitations in certain fields, but in the case of Cyprus, since as I said it's a bipartisan attitude that we are talking about, there is no reason why we should lose time because of the elections.

Time is very valuable and I think we should make everything possible, and the administration United States should pressure should show a more active in-

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Somalia rejects rebel claims

NAIROBI (R) — Somalia Friday dismissed rebel claims to have captured the northern towns of Hargeisa and Burao as "false and baseless propaganda."

The Somali charge d'affaires in Kenya, Abdi Shire Warsame, told a press conference that there had been no fighting in northern

Somalia since the end of June.

The rebal somalia since the end of June. Movement (SNM) told Reuters Movement (SNM) told Reuters in a telephone call from London last week that its forces controlled the two towns they had taken several weeks and earlier and that fighting was con-

tinuing in surrounding areas.

It also said two senior Somali officers had been captured in the officers battles.

Warsame denied that the rebels had inflicted defeats on the government and added: "We hereby state that the situation in Hargeisa and Burao towns is normal.

The SNM launched an offensive in the north at the end of May and since then both sides have claimed to control the Warsame declined to say

whether any of the 160 foreigners evacuated from Hargeisa during beavy fighting in early June had

There have been few independent reports of the situation in northern Somalia, where the SNM has been fighting a guerrilla war to overthrow the government

of Mohammed Stad Barre since

wishing to visit Somalia were still being considered, he added.

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Kuwait expands oil refineries, Trading at AFM looks for new markets abroad

KUWAIT (R) - Kuwait is nearing the end of a multi-billion-dollar programme to expand and modernise its domestic oil refineries, the cornerstone of a policy to capture new markets for refined products overseas.

Kuwait Petroleum Corp (KPC) has already clinched a place among multinational oil giants with the acquisition of refineries and petrol stations in Europe dating back to 1983 and exploration rights around the globe.

Now, with an expansion proiect at one of the world's most modern refineries soon tn come on stream at Mina Abdullah on the Kuwaiti coast, KPC is hungry for new acquisitions of sales nutlets elsewhere in Europe and

"We are looking for opportunities — companies selling products we want to sell that are profitable and well run." said Hani Hussein. KPC's assistant managing director for marketing.

Kuwait has done more than any other memher of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) to integrate oil poerations, from desert wells to consumers abroad.

Keen to squeeze the most out of a parrel of crude oil and insulate itself from price fluctuations in the world crude market. the northern Gulf state has

ROME (R) — The United States

has paid \$25 million to the trou-hled U.N. Food and Agriculture

Organisation (FAO) after settling

The funds form part of the \$132

tions for 1986, 1987 and 1988,

The U.S. is the agency's biggest

single donor and a vociferous

critic of its past financial manage-

The official, who asked not be

identified, said the money had

arrived last week and would help

ease a severe financial crisis at the

FAO, the United Nations' big-

Thursday.

gest agency.

a row over budget procedures, a Edouard Sanuma would in future senior FAO official said consult them before drawing up

million which FAO says
Washington owes in contribudures... and had been bolding up

aggressively turned to refined prinducts processing and sales through its own network.

The attraction is clear — prices for refined products such as petrol on the garage forecourt are nnt as volatile and not subject to OPEC's official selling rates.

KPC subsidiary Kuwait Petroleum International (KPI) now sells petral directly to European motorists through a network of 4,800 stations bearing colourful O-8" brand logo, a traditional

Gulf sailing ship.
Q-8 stations have opened in Sweden, Denmark, Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg, Italy and Britain, many acquired from Gulf

Hussein said the European netwnrk now handles between 250,000 and 350,000 barrels a day

"We would expect that number to grow... to 400,000-500,000 b/d. ultimately. But not this year or the year after." he said

He said since KPC aimed to expand market share through acquisitinns and service rather than price compension, the pace of

The 20-nation finance and

planning committees, which in-

clude the United States, agreed in

May that Director-General

The U.S. had asked for a

payment pending a solution to

that issue," the official said.
"Many proposals meet the re-

quirements and demands of the

members of the committees," he

not clear if and when more funds

would he forthcoming from

Washington and said the amount

S. and are agreeable to other

The FAO official said it was

the FAO's biennial budget.

U.S. pays part of arrears to FAO

availability of good offers.

around 210,000 b/d, officials said.

585,000 b/d, but Hussein said

That means about two-thirds of

Kuwait also operates former

Bader Hajji Yousef, manager

of Mina Al Ahmadi refinery, said

grade all three refineries, boost-

"The main feature is zero fuel

January, when Saouma hegins

the process of drawing up the

Major donor countries often

complained that they did not

have enough say in the way the

hudget was compiled, saying that

hudget proposals were virtually

impossible to change by the time they reached the FAO confer-

Critics have said the new

The United States, Britain,

Canada and Australia voted against the 1988-89 budget of

\$492 million at the agency's con-

ference last November, when

Saouma won an unprecedented

third six-year term despite their

Last March, the United States wrote to the agency asking ques-

tions about its management, in-

cluding queries about entertain-

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appealed to the United States to

pay its arrears and has held it

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Gulf Oil refineries in Denmark

Other refineries at Mina Al

"We are not talking to anyone now. But this doesn't mean we Ahmadi and Shuaiba can won't buy if we find the right together produce as much as offer." Hussein said.

Britain, Holland and Italy, they were expected to average a where market share is relatively total of about 440,000 b/d this low, are considered by the oil year, industry as prime targets.

The acquisition by the Londonbased Kuwait Investment Office current Kuwaiti crude oil producof a 22 per cent stake in British tion, which Hussein put at just Petroleum Co Plc. (B.P.) is so far under one million b/d, is sold as no more than an investment, but refined products. The country's the move raised concern in Bri- OPEC quota is 996,000. tain Kuwait was aiming for longterm control of the company.

West Germany and France and Holland with a combined would be natural locations for us throughut of around 135,000 b/d. to expand because they are buge But they are often run with nonconsumers of oil. But we have to Kuwaiti crude. bave the right opportunity," Hussein said.

KPI's only major acquisinon so the \$2 billion expansion project at far this year bas been a 4,500 b/d Mina Abdullah would be fully on Italian lubricating oil plant.

Japan has proved a tough mar-ket to crack because of restric-scheme launched in 1980 to uptions on foreign investment. But other Asian countries in- ing their output of profitable mid-

cluding the Philippines, where dle distillates such as gas oil and the naminal oil company mooted kernsene at the expense of fuel privatisation of its downstream oil, which yields lower prices. husiness in 1986, have been stu-

transferred was all that the U.S.

administration bad provided for

to the FAO were not immediately

Members of the U.S. mission

Diplomatic sources said the

payment reflected a belief in

Washington that the FAO was

willing to respond to concerns

about the agency's financing, op-

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But they said payment of re-

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nil." Yousef said of Mina Abdul-At home, the Kuwait National lah. "It's unique in the area... the Petroleum Co. (KNPC) has com- goal is to improve on the product missioned a new crude unit at the quality to be more competitive in Mina Abdullah refinery that will world markets.

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AMMAN (Petra) — The average total volume. It was followed by daily trading at the Amman Financial Market (AFM) in the past week registered JD 178.648 while the overall trading volume 831,578 conducted through 1,272

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number of shares traded was sector 0.4 per cent. transactions, according to AFM's shares of 66 companies were

weekly bulletin issued Thursday. traded last week. 16 of them sector's share of the past week's companies showed a decline and operations amounted to JD the remaining 18 companies 505,390 or 56.6 per cent of the shares remained stable.

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Sudanese official hints at devaluation of pound

Sudanese official hinted strongly Friday at a devaluation of the currency, saying priority should be given to setting a more realistic exchange rate for the

Sudanese pound. "The determination of a realis-Sudanese pound is the most important task ahead." Minister of State for Finance Al Tigani Al Tayeb Ibrahim told the official

Sudan News Agency SUNA. 1hrahim returoed last week from Washington where he had more than three weeks of talks with International Monetary banks. Fund (IMF) officials seeking a inwer pound.

The pound bas been officially fixed at 4.50 to the dollar since devalued by 44 per cent as part of an agreement with the IMF on economic reforms which also included petrnl and sugar price

The measures, as similar reforms bad done in the past, foreign currency. sparked street protests in which several people were killed. But foreign bankers and economists of the system. Private importers say Sudan has no choice but to

devalue the pound further. They predict the government will decree a small devaluation before the end of the year, if only to maintain the goodwill of the arrears, and donor countries.

The IMF, which declared in 1986, wants Khartoum to de- central hank. value and cut spending. In return, it would give donors the go-ahead economic recovery plan.

Talks in Khartoum hetween mate. the two sides hroke down its June

Local press reports have said Sudan is prepared to devalue by two pounds to 6.50 pounds to the dollar but the IMF wants a massive readjustment to bring the official exchange rate close to the black market rate.

The pound has traded on the tic exchange rate for the illegal, though generally tolerated, black market at about 10 pounds to the dollar over the past

> The market attracts most of the foreign currency remittances of the estimated one million Sudanese working abroad, who shun the lower rate offered hy

Foreign currency changing hands on the black market is also used to finance private sector imports under what is locally October last year, when Sudan termed "their own resources system.

Bankers said the introduction of the system late last year amounted to an official endorsement of the black market rate. on which importers depend for their

Ibrahim said the government would encourage the expansion would be given a greater role and the government wanted them to expand operations to include most essential imports.

Western diplomats in Khartoum said Sudan was also under IMF, to which it is \$1 billion in IMF pressure to reduce spending which they said was largely co-The IMF, which declared vered through massive borrowing Sudan ineligible for fresh credits from the Bank of Sudan, the

This had helped to drive up the inflation rate, which the diploto help to finance a four-year mats put at nearly 100 per cent, more than twice the official esti-

Finance Minister Omar Nour when Sudan refused to devalue. Al Dayem has said the governbut Ibrahim said the issue needed ment borrowed 1.6 hillion pounds further study and a new round of (\$355 million) from the Bank of negotiations was expected in Sudan during the fiscal year September. Sudan during the fiscal year which ended June 30.

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WORLD STOCK MARKETS

SYDNEY — The market closed higher as buying enthusiasm for leading industrial stocks spread into other sectors. The All Ordinaries closed up 9.4 at 1,641,15.

TOKYO -- Prices climbed to a record close on a late-afternoon rally focused on incentive-backed and selected financial shares after an otherwise listless session. The Nikkei index rose 130.72

HONG KONG - Prices recouped most earlier losses after finding firm huying support at lower levels. The Hang Seng index fell 6.20

SINGAPORE - Prices closed generally higher in late buying interest spurred by the rise on the Tokyo market. The Straits Times Industrial index rose 6.49 to 1,172.05, a new high for the

BOMBAY - Share prices shed initial lethargy and recovered sharply in brisk trading for the new account. Tata Steel gained 1.25 rupees to 821.25 and Associated Cement three to 250.

FRANKFURT - Prices climbed markedly across the board to finish just off the day's highs. Operators were encouraged by a spate of optimistic profit forecasts and a improved climate on the bond market. The Dax index rose 13.66 to 1,197.38.

ZURICH — Prices closed higher in increasing turnover despite some profit-taking in special situations. The Swiss index rose 7.8

PARIS — Prices ended easier in quiet trading but off their lows. LONDON — Prices held steady below the day's highs in late-afternoon trading, after an adverse reaction on Wall Street to U.S. July unemployment figures took the edge off earlier London gains. At 1605 GMT the FTSE 100 share index was up 6.3 at 1,876,0.

NEW YORK — Stocks continued lower in late-morning trading, showing little change from early levels depressed by the jobs data. The Dow was down nine at 2.117.

Iraq to repair oil facilities

KUWAIT (R) — Iraq plans to place as the second largest Midrepair war-ravaged Gulf oil facilide Eastern oil producer after

industry sources said.

They said that in a year or less lraq could set up floating oil lraq was unlikely to proceed until able to pump up to one million

barrels per day (b/d), nearly onethird current export capacity. That would confirm Iraq's

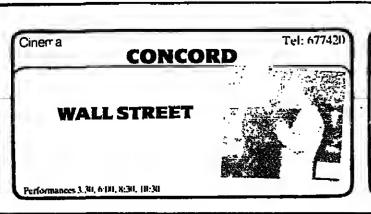
ties once peace with Iran is Saudi Arabia and help finance assured in a move that will furth- massive reconstruction projects er boost its oil export capacity, envisaged after the end of the

terminals in the northern Gulf it felt true peace was at hand. War damage to a key offshore oil pipeline and dangers posed by unexploded ordnance had yet to be assessed, they added.

Iranian air raids devastated Iraq's Gulf oil export terminals early in the fighting, forcing it to build overland pipelines to the Red Sea and the Mediterranean.

Syria's closure in 1982 of an Iraqi pipeline to the Mediterranean after a political dispute further squeezed the country's oil outlets, and production plunged to less than one million b/d in 1982 from 3.3 million b/d in 1979:

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Wimbledon fined for bad conduct

LONDON (R) - English F.A. Cup winners Wimbledon, made to pay last month after some of their players bared their buttocks during a match, were fined a further £5,000 (\$8,500) Thursday for their poor disciplinary record last season. The F.A. said they had also called the South London side to a meeting in November to discuss last season's large number of bookings and sendings-off. "We are naturally anxious to keep an eye on Wimbledon this season," an F.A. spokesman said. "If their record does not improve we could impose any punishment." The club was also fined \$5,000 after nine players bared their hacksides during a testimonial game in May.

JU.S. star sued for not marrying girlfriend

HOUSTON (R) — Akeem Olajuwon, the Nigerian-born star centre for the National Basketball Association Houston Rockets, was hif with a lawsuit for backing out of a promise to marry his long-time girlfriend when she became pregnant. In a suit filed late Wednesday in Houston federal court, Lita Spencer charged that Olajuwon demanded she prove she could bear children before he would marry her. But Spencer claimed that after she became pregnant Olajuwon backed out of his promise and refused to marry her. Spencer said that the all-star centre's action forced her to bear a child out of wedlock and caused her to suffer "extreme mental anguish, humiliaoon and disgrace." The couple's daughter was born last month, according to Richard Miller, Spencer's lawyer. Miller would not discuss the details of the case or the amount of money sought in damages. Olajuwon, 25, was unavailable for comment.

Finland ties with Bulgaria

HELSINKI, Finland (AP) — Finland and Bulgaria played to a 1-1 oe Thursday night in a soccer international in Vaasa. Atanas Pasejev scored for Bulgaria after 68 minutes. Four minutes later the diminuove Marko Myyry, playing for SV Meppen in the West German second league, equalised with a header on a headed pass from giant forward Jan Rantanen, on the books of Leicester City in the English first division. Franz Beckenhauer, manager of West Germany's national team, was in the attendance. He wanted to have a first look at Finland, whom West Germany meets in a World Cup qualifier in the end of this month. "Ours is the most difficult qualifying group, with European champion Holland, and with Wales fielding a strong team," Beckenhauer said.

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN

HUGE PENALTY FOR NO CRIME

double

hearts doubled.

opening lead?

hearts, East cannot be blamed for doubling. After all, his only quick

tricks were in the opponents' suit, so

the chances of his side making (1 tricks at a minor-suit contract, or 10

at no trump, seemed remote. Actu-

ally, four oo trump might have been

a winning decision (it would take a spade lead to defeat it). West had oo

choice but to respect his partner's

This will not be a long column,

because the play was soon over. West made a normal lead of the

king of clubs, theo shifted to a dia-

mond. Too late. Declarer rose with

the ace, cashed the ace-queen of

spades and entered dummy by ruff-

ing a club. He discarded a diamond

on the king of spades, then ruffed a

diamond in hand and a club in dum-

my. He was quile happy to surrer

der two trump tricks-making four

The only thing West did wrong was not being blessed with X-ray vision. Had be had the ability to see

the whole hand, he would have led a

diamond initially rather than a club. That would have made a world of

difference. Now declarer has no

quick entry to the table to take a dia-

mond discard oo the king of spades,

so he has four losers. Would you debit West with a rub-

ber swing because of his choice of

Both vulnerable. North deals. WEST EAST ± 10 7 3 - A K 4 ♣ Q̃ J 10 6 2 * A K 74 SOUTH 7 QJ 10 852

The bidding: 1 ♠ Dbl I 7 Pass

In Gilbert & Sullivan's The Mikado, the Lord High Executioner sets out "to make the punishment fit the crime." That is laudable, but who will take up the cudgels for those who commit no crime yet have to pay a substantial penalty? We sympathize with West on this deal, but the Laws of Contract Bridge do not allow us to offer him any other

First, let's consider the auction. West's cue-bid of two hearts was npeccable by any standards. When North raised preemptively to four

Brazilian Olympic captain joins Benfica

LISBON (R) - Fluminense defender Ricardo, captain of Brazil's Olympic soccer side, signed a three-year contract Friday to join Benfica of Portugal. "I'm bappy to join such a great club and already feel at home among so many of my fellow countrymen," he said after arriving in Lisbon. No financial details were given. "My playing for Brazil in Seoul will benefit Benfica as well," said Ricardo, who must still be given clearance by the club to join the Olympic team. Benfica already have three Brazilian first-team regulars - Mozer, Eldo and Valdo.

U.S. volleyball team routs France

MONTPELLIER, France (AP) — Paced by veterans Karch Kiraly and Craig Buck, the United States volleyball team routed France, 15-4, 15-12, 1-5, Thursday in the first of a two-game series between two of the fop teams in the world. The United States bas won the 1984 Olympic gold medal, the 1985 World Cup and the 1986 World Championships. France is a leading contender for a hronze medal at Seoul, conceding the top two places to the U.S., and Soviet squads. Both team head to the Soviet Union to compete in the presogious Savin Cup tournament.

Moses holds off Dia Ba for comfortable win

LA CORUNNA, Spain (R) — Olympic and world champion Edwin Moses of the United States held off Senegal's Amadou Dia Ba to win the 400 metres hurdles at an international athleocs meeong Thursday. Moses, who will be trying for his third Olympic ritle in Seoul, was racing for the first time in Europe this year. The 32-year-old world record holder led from the start to clock 49.22 seconds. Dia Ba was second in 49.26 with American Nat Page third in 49.51.

Ellis claims Commonwealth boxing title

ADELAIDE (R) - Australia's Lester Ellis moved close to another world fitle opportunity Thursday when he outpointed Briton Tony Laing to claim the Commonwealth light-welter-weight boxing otle. Ellis, the former Internacional Boxing Federation (IBF) junior-lightweight champion, finished with a flurry and almost put Laing on the canvas in a fiery final round of the 12-round bout. But the fight went the full distance and the three judges gave Ellis a unanimous points victory. The rugged Melhourne fighter, ranked 10th in the lightweight division by the World Boxing Council, gave a gritty performance against the shrewd Laing, who was continually warned by the referee for holding and using his head in a dangerous manner. Laing sought an early end to the fight in the opening rounds hut Ellis denied him chances with some fleet-footed defensive work.

Kalamby to defend WBA title

SAINT VINCENT, Italy (AP) — World Boxing Association (WBA) middleweight champion Sambu Patrizio Kalamhay will stage a voluntary otle defence against American challenger Doug Dewitt in this north Italian gambling resort on Oct. 11, organisers announced Friday. It will be the third defence for the Zaireanborn Italian boxer. Kalamhay scored an unanimous point decision over American Rohhie Sims in the previous WBA o'tle defence in Ravenna lass June 12. Dewitt is a 27-year-old fighter from Yonkers, New York.

FORECAST FOR SATURDAY, AUGUST 6, 1988

YOUR HOROSCOPE

From the Carroll Righter Institute

GENERAL TENDENCIES: You will be very alive, alert and aware of the many constructive things that can be done on a Saturday, It would be wise to fill your time with as mony weekend activities as possible. Enjoy the day. ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Shop-

ping, running errands and visiting should keep you busy. You may meet someone from out of town who could become a good friend. TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)

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Analyzing your practical affairs can
show you where they need improvement. Get advice from a monetary
axpert, then follow it.
GEMINI (May 21 to Juna 21)
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personal wishes and then go after
them in a positive way. It is an ideal
evening to be social and have fun.
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Jol. 21) Contact experts confiden-tially, and get the information you want. Then have a serious talk with want. Then have a serious talk with your mate for positive results.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Contact the friends who are familiar with your ambitions, and find out how far they will go to help you gain them. Go out tonight, and have fun.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) ft is

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is a good time to study your sa endeavora well so you can business endeavors well so you can make corrections where needed. Listen to your mate's suggestions. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21(You will get positive results and added prestige if you carry through with tha public work you have started. Do your shopping early. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jsn. 20) You can handle whetever teste you. You can handle whatever tasks you face, so put your abilities to work enthusiastically. You will get more cooperation from 8 shy co-worker.

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AQUARIUS (Jen. 21 to Feb. 19)
Join your friends in the recreational
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your finest talent, and show you are
smart. Be careful of your wallet.
PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Get
busy using tools and gadgets to improve your surroundings. Tonight
invite friends over, and make a good impression on them.

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Coe runs in Olympic trials

BIRMINGHAM, England (R) - Olympic 1,500 metres champion Sehasoan Coe will try to qualify for the British team for Seoul over that distance at the Olympic trials Sunday, and will hope for a discretionary selection for the 800 metres.

Coe, who has won the 1,500 metres gold medal at the last two Olympics, had kept the athletics world guessing about which dis-tance he would attempt to qualify for outright.

With only the top two in each event gaining automatic selec-tion, the 31-year-old Coe would have risked not being given the chance to defend his otle in Seoul if he had not run the 1,500 at the weekend trials. Steve Cram had already opted

to run only the 800 metres in the trials, hoping his victory in the Oslo "Dream Mile" this year would gain him the third spot for the 1,500 metres.

If Coe had elected to run the

two-lap event, the heats of which were being staged Friday night, he risked forfeiting his chance of an unprecedented third Olympic

I,500 metres crown.

But if he qualifies by finishing in the first two in the 1,500 metres final Sunday night, the selectors could also give him the discre-donary place in the 800 metres.

Johnson to test injured leg

OTTAWA (R) - World record holder Ben Johnson says be will prove this weekend that he is completely recovered from a leg injury and ready for the 100 metres af next month's Olympic Games in Seoul.

"I only need to get some races and to get sharp," Johnson told reporters

Johnson, who set the world record of 9.83 seconds at the Rome World Championships a year ago, has been recovering from strained hamstring injuries suffered last Fehruary in West Germany and further aggravated in May in Tokyo.

Seguso scores upset victory over Connors

INDIANAPOLIS (Agencies) — Second seed Jimmy Connors lost a third-set tiebreak to fellow-American Robert Seguso Thursday, in an upset filled day at the \$415,000 U.S. men's Hardcourt Tennis Championships.

ed 67 but one of the world's best doubles players, reached the quarterfinals on the strength of a big serve. He blasted 23 aces past the sixth-ranked Connors for B 7-6, 4-6, 7-6 win in the two hour 35 minute match played in blistering heat that for the fourth straight day topped 38 degrees

Yaya Doumhia of Senegal up-set eighth seed Peter Lundgren of Sweden 6-4, 6-4 in another thirdround match, while American Todd Witsken was a comfortable 6-2, 6-2 winner over sixth-seeded compatriot Aaron Krickstein.

Third seed Brad Gilbert of the U.S. was also a third-round upset victim as he was surprised by 13th-seeded countryman Jim Pugh 6-0, 6-4. "I didn't know what happened," said the 12th-ranked Gilbert. "I practised well before the match but I could not capitalise on a couple of hreaks."

Pugh took the first set so easily that even he was a little surprised by his performance.
"He started slow and I was

kind of on fire. I hit good returns some hard shots. You have to he and I shocked him a little," Pugh

Connors let three set points slip with an uphill hattle in the staggering heat.

Connors bounced back in the second set on the strength of a single service break in the third game. Both players held serve throughout the third set, but Seguso's extremely effective de-

The I5th-seeded Seguso, rank- on a well placed volley. "He hombed some halls in there," Connors said. "You serve like that and they go in, that's pretty good."

Lendi beats Agassi

In Inglewood, California, Ivan Lendl defeated Andre Agassi 7-6, 6-2 Thursday night in the first session of the Michelin challenge series at the forum.

Agassi broke Lendl in the third game of the first set to go up 2-1, then Lendl broke back for a 2-2 de. Both players held serve to force a tiebreaker, which Lendl won 8-6.

Lendl, the world's top-ranked player, dominated the second set, with Agassi winning only the first and third games.

Lendl had six aces, including four in the second set.

The match, played before a crowd of 10,589 fans, took one hour, 23 minutes.

The Round-Rohin competition will continue in November.

"We played some good tennis tonight," Lendl said. "We hit careful you don't outslug him. 'It is important for me to play

a lot of matches for my moveaway in the opening set and after ment, Lendl added. "I won be-losing the tiehreak 7-3 was faced cause I'm older than him." Lendl is 28 and Agassi is 18. Agassi, who has jumped from

No. 25 to No. 4 in the world since the start of the year, won the Volvo International on Sunday, heating Paul Annacone in straight sets.

In another match, Micbael Chang beat Leif Shiras 7-6, 7-6. livery was the difference in the Chang beat Leif Shiras 7-6, 7-6. final o'ebreak, which he won 7-5 Both sets went to tiebreakers,

with Chang prevailing 8-6 and

Fairbank reaches semifinals

Meanwhile, fourth seed Rosalyn Fairbank of South Africa huilt a commanding lead, huf needed eight match points to oust eighth-seeded Briton Jo Durie and reach the semifinals of the \$100,000 San Diego tennis tournament Thursday.

"I thought I played well up until 5-1 in the second," said Fairbank, who finally held off a determined comeback attempt by

Durie to win 6-2, 6-4.

The surprise of the day came from 17-year-old qualifier Ann Grossman, who showed tremendous poise in defeating fifth-seeded fellow American Rohin White 6-3, 1-6, 7-5. Grossman, ranked 171 in the world, has made it into the main draw of three straight tournaments as a

The little-known teenager survived a pair of match points with White serving at 5-4 in the third

"I was mentally tough at the end and that's what pulled me through," said Grossman. "I said 'go for it, you have nothing to lose,''' said Grossman, who hroke White's serve twice in the

final three games. Fairhank came up with three service breaks to easily win the first set against a sluggish Durie, who had played a late match

Wednesday night. But down 1-5, Durie came up with a pair of service breaks of her own to pull to 4-5.

Fairhank, however captured Durie's serve at love in the 10th game to advance to the semi-

"At 5-4. I felt the pressure was on Jo to show she could hold serve," said Fairhank. "I had confidence. I think she felt the pressure, and played an awful

Soccer Minnows plays for glory in West German Cup

Reuters

WEST GERMANY'S Soccer Brazilian midfielder Tita, out of Minnows from the second divifirst round of the West German cern him. Cup at the weekend.

division meet each other in firstround ties, the top match involving league champions Werder Bremen and Hanover. Last season's cup winners Ein-

tracht Frankfurt must travel to Wolfsburg, while UEFA Cup holders Bayer Leverkusen are away af Erlangen. League leaders VFB Stuttgart meet Ottfingen.

Leverkusen's new coach Rinus Michels, who rushed straight into the joh just a week after guiding the Dutch nadonal side to the European Championship otle, has internal club problems to cope with already, with the new trainer," said Tita, who is exseason just a few matches old. Leverkusen's disgruntled

the team while he pursues a pay sion and amateur leagues bave dispute, accused Michels of medtheir chance of brief glory in the dling in affairs that did not con-

Only eight teams from the first salary affairs — he's only the friendly in Leipzing.

pected to leave the club soon.

Fellow Dutch coach Arie Haan at Stuttgart also has early season difficulties. He is angry Stuttgart's club president refused to let him rest stars Juergen Klinsmann "Michels shouldn't discuss my and Karl Allgoewer in a midweek

Prost grabs pole position

BUDAPEST (R) — Frenchman Alain Prost resisted an impressive challenge by normally-aspirated contenders to grah provisional pole position late in Friday's opening qualifying session for Sunday's Hungarian Grand Prix

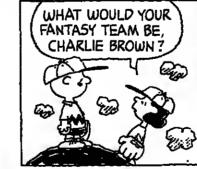
motor race. The World Championship leader, three points ahead of McLaren teammate Ayrton Sen-

during most of the session until

the closing seconds. Then he made up for time lost waiting for the track to dry after heavy rain in the morning with a best lap of one minute 29,589

This was two-tenths of a second quicker than Italian Alessandro Nannini in a Benetton, the only na of Brazil in the drivers' ofte race, had been out of contendon minute 30 second barrier.

Peanuts







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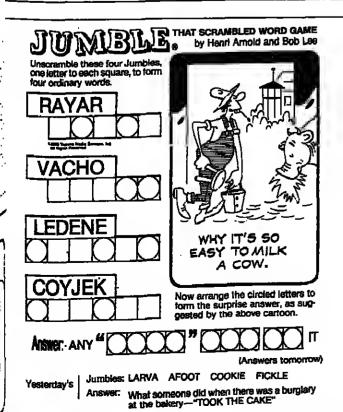




Andy Capp







Angola peace talks extended

GENEVA (AP) — The U.S.-mediated negotiations on a peace settlement in Southern Africa went into an extra day Friday after a U.S. spokesman described the talks among Angola, Cuba and South Africa as being "on track."

Friday, then broke for luncb. A member of the Cuban delegation told journalists waiting in front of the meeting centre that the talks would resume later, but gave no

U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Chester Crocker, who is mediating the talks, refused to talk to reporters as he left the building. He was scheduled to give a news conference Friday at 1500 GMT.

U.S. spokesman Art Skop said he had no details of what the negotiainrs were discussing. The talks were originally scheduled to

end Thursday. On Thursday. Skop said the negotiations were "on track and the full agenda of issues is under

Skop's statement suggested that a controversy earlier in the Savimbi, which receives military

The parties met for four bours week over South African peace proposals had not derailed the negotiations

The proposals were unexpectedly unveiled Tuesday night in Pretoria by South African Foreign Minister Pik Botha. They called for an Aug. 10 ceasefire in the 13-year-old Angolan war and linked independence for South-West Africa, also known as Namibia, conditional on the withdrawal nf Cuban troops from

Angola by June 1. The Cuhan and Angolan delegations in Geneva rejected the proposals, with Cuba calling preposterous and unrealistic. Cuba previously offered to pull

its estimated 50,000 troops out of Angola over a four-year period. The troops have helped the Marxist government fight UNITA. the rebel movement of Jonas

aid from South Africa and the United States, Some 3,000 South African troops are in southern Angola backing UNITA forces.

In South Africa, Botha said Wednesday night that counterproposals were being discussed in Geneva, but he did not elaborate. South Africa's public

announcement of its proposals apparently broke an agreement hy the negotiators to keep the talks confidential.

The Southern Africa talks began in May in London and are in their fifth round. The current round began on an upbeat note after a previous round July 20 in New Ynrk produced for the first time a joint document in which Cuha, Angola and South Africa accepted a set of 14 principles as a

framework for a settlement. On Tuesday, South Africa also proposed to start withdrawing its estimated 50,000 troops from Namihia Nov. 1.

South Africa's mandate over retained control of the mineralseveral U.N. Security Council re- had been reached.

In Luanda, Angola, Thursday, Sam NuJoma, leader of the Sonth-West African People's Organisation (SWAPO), the main guerrilla group fighting for Namibian independence, charged that South Africa bad reinforced

its troops in Namibia recently. He

questioned the sincerity of the

government's offer to withdraw.

South Africa also called for the dismantling of seven guerrilla camps that it said were operated in Angola by the African Nation-Congress (ANC), the main black group fighting to overthrow the South African government.

The New York principles did not mention the ANC's role, nor those of UNITA or SWAPO, which is reported to have bases in

In Pretoria, President P.W. Botha met Thursday with leaders of Namibia's multiracial interim government and gave assurances Namibia was terminated by the that they would be consulted ab-United Nations in 1966, but it has out developments in the negotiations. Botha said no agreement wealthy country in defiance of on independence for the territory

Study links alcohol

CHICAGO (AP) - Researchers woman consumes and her risk of

The report, in an article in the Journal of the American Medical Association, said there was compelling evidence that the more alcoholic drinking a woman does, malignant breast cancer.

tionship between drinking and

They also said moderate drinking can reduce stress and the risk

of heart attack. The evidence showed women who had two or more drinks a day had as much as a 70 per cent higher risk of developing breast cancer than women who had one

drink or less each day.

The authors acknowledged the possibility of problems with the techniques of pooling the results of earlier studies but said: "The results of meta-analyses of experimental epidemiologic data have been shown to approximate those of the 'gold standard' of large, well-conducted studies,"

Soviets leave Kandahar, Shevardnadze holds talks

were withdrawing from the the Geneva accords.

Afghan city of Kandahar Friday, Radio Moscow s

Soviet media reported. Minister Eduard Shevardnadze and Termez," the radio said. began talks with Afghan leaders on the implementation of the Geneva accords under which Soviet troops are being pulled

Shevardnadze flew to Kabul Thursday on a working visit that was not announced in advance. A day earlier, he had met Pakistan Foreign Minister Yaqub

"It will take them six days to In Kabul, Soviet Foreign reach the border cities of Kushka

> The Soviet armed forces newspaper, Krasnaya Zvezda, said helicopter crews bad left Kandabar province already in a flying echelon Thursday. It said motorised infantry and paratroopers also left this week

that Pakistan was continuing to Krasnaya Zvezda said.

Paper claims Pakistan

into Pakistani airspace Thursday where Miransbah is located, was evening and was shot down by a Pakistan air force F-16.

Asked to comment, a governheard of any such attack.

ISLAMABAD (AP) - A leftist downed near the village of Miran-

The Frontier Post newspaper Baz Mohammad, spokesman said the Afghan fighter intruded for the province of Waziristan. quoted as 'telling the Frontier Post that four Afghan refugees were killed wednesda ment spokesman said be bad not Soviet-Afghan fighter jet slipped across the border and dumped its

Radio Moscow said Soviet leaving all of southern Afghanis- troops were leaving Kandahar tan empty of Moscow's troops, and Kunduz, in the north, Friday.

Now that the last Soviet forces were leaving the city, "There are no Soviet troops in Kandahar or Khan in Moscow and charged in entire southern Afghanistan,

downed Afghan plane

newspaper reported Friday that a Pakistani warplane shot down an Afghan fighter plane near a Pakistani border village.

market. The paper said the plane was payload near Miransbah.

Shultz met Friday morning with Foreign Minister Roberto de Abreu Sodre at the start of his only working day in Brazil. Shultz arrived at 9 a.m. government."

(1200 GMT) at the foreign ministry, where ceremonial guards lined the entrance ramp details about the coup plot. The U.S. official was to meet

privately for an hour with Sodre and then visit the supreme court. He was to have lunch with President Jose Sarney at the Dawn palace, the president's official residence. Later Shultz was to visit Finance Minister Mailson da

Brazil

in his honour.

BRASILIA, Brazil (AP) -

U.S. Secretary of State George

Shultz arrived in the Brazilian capital late Thursday night from Montevideo, Uruguay, on the fourth stop of a nine-coun try Latin American tour.

Nobrega and congressional

Foreign ministry spokesman Ruy Nogueira said Shultz had an "open agenda." The only topics he asked to discuss were Central America, Panama, technology transfer and the summit talks between U.S. President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gor-

The Brazilian press has speculated Shultz will try to drum np support for a condemnation of Nicaragna's Sandinista government. But Brazil has always supported a peace-ful settlement to fighting in Central America and opposes outside interference.

The Brazilians want to talk about Iran-Iraq peace negotiations, South Africa and U.S. trade policy, Nogueira said.
The trade issue is a touchy

one in Brazil, which depends on exports to industrialised nations to pay its huge foreign debt, the largest among developing nations. Last month, the U.S. gov-

ernment announced its intention to impose sanctions on \$200 million worth of Brazilian exports because it refuses to recognise patents on U.S.

Brazil called the decision unfair and discriminatory. It claims foreign-owned drug companies — especially U.S. companies - dominate the Brazilian pharmaceutlcal

Shultz's visit is seen as part State Department of the outgoing Reagan administration.

GUATEMALA CITY (R) — Guatemalan President Vinicio Cerezo said Thursday three civilians were arrested last weekend in connection with a plot to overthrow the country's civilian gov-

emment. Cerezo told reporters the three were arrested after they approached several army officers with "a plan to destabilise the

He downplayed the incident and did not give the names of those involved or any further

Presidential spokesman Julio Santos later identified the arrested civilians as Guillermo Florian Corado, 40, Alejandro Guzman Roman, 60, and Jose Martin Recinos Zepeda, 43.

City after they proposed an upris- told Reuters.

ing to several officers. He did not say who arrested the three or give further details of the plot but be stressed to reporters that they should not describe the incident as a coup because the

military was not involved. Cerezo, denied an earlier local radio report that three army officers bad been arrested in connection with a coup attempt.

He said the army was in full support of the civilian government and that the three arrested possibly belong to a political party.

Earlier Thursday, a senior army spokesman said there was nothing to the coup reports.

"All the commands in the country are working normally Santos said the three were and nothing out of the ordinary arrested Sunday outside the Justo bas been reported," Colonel Rufino Barrios military base on Arturo Isaacs Rodriguez, bead of the eastern side of Guatemala the army public relations service

Ethiopia prepares for possible locust attack

ADDIS ABABA (AP) -Swarms of locusts in northern Ethiopia are expected to breed quickly due to fresh rains and may invade the central part of the country, the Ministry of Agriculture warned Thursday. Crop protection chief Hailu

Kassa said the Desert Locust Control Organisation of East Africa has provided aircraft, spraying equipment and 100,000 tons of insecticide to fight locusts in Tigray and Eritrea provinces.

The government would provide two aircraft, and also had asked the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organisation for additional insecticides.

Locust spotters bave said at least five swarms ranging in size from four square kilometres to nine square kilometres were seen near Asmara, capital of Eritrea, in late July. A square kilometre swarm can

consist of up to 50 million locusts weighing 100 tons and capable of eating its own weight of green vegetation in one day.

Kassa said the locusts had been blown across the Red Sea from Saudi Arabia by a hurricane and did not come from neighbouring Sudan as earlier reports had indicated.

The locusts invaded Tigray and Eritrea soon after farmers started planting crops following a severe drought that left millions threatened with starvation.

Four years ago, drought and famine in the region killed an estimated one million people and spurred the higgest international relief operation in history.

Swedish panel probes secret police theory in Palme murder

ish parliamentary committee probing a secret investigation into the 1986 murder of Prime Minister Olof Palme has focused on theories questioning the loyalty of the country's secret police.

and former justice minister Anna-Greta Leijon were questioned for nine bours Thursday about the affair, which forced Leijon's resignation in May.

Prime Minister Ingvar Carlsson

The growing scandal is threatening to damage the chances of the ruling Social Democratic Party in a general election Sept. 18.
Both Carlsson and Leijon defended their action in backing

the privately-financed, covert investigation headed by a left-wing publisher called Ebbe Carlsson. The probe collapsed in May

after an investigator was caught trying to smuggle illegal eaves-

dropping devices into the

bodyguards for the evening. Ebbe Carlsson believed Palme

Leijon said Ehbe Carlsson had presented information suggesting stigation of Iran.

STOCKHOLM (R) - A Swed- that the secret police had received warnings that Palme might be the target of an assassination

attempt but had ignored them. "Ebbe Carlsson ... had (made) certain observations which could have had a bearing on security arrangements before and during the prime minister's murder."

"Serious allegations were made against the secret police and clarity had to be established on those matters," sbe said.

Ingvar Carlsson, in an angry appearance before the all-party committee, said the scandal had damaged the secret police, but insisted that he had full confi-

dence in the force. Palme was sbot dead while walking bome from the cinema Feb. 28, 1986. He was accompanied by his wife but was unguarded after dismissing his

was murdered by members of a radical Kurdish group at the in-

Uganda.

Stewart ignores noise complaints

GREENWOOD VILLAGE. Colorado (AP) — Operators of Fiddler's Green Amphitbeaure say rock performer Rod Stewart and his sound crew kept the noise levels high at a recent performance, ignoring requests from theatre operators to lower the volume. The raspy-voiced Stewart did not make many friends with remarks ridiculing the noise complaints from neighbours of the Arapahoe county arena. : More than 300 complaining calls lit up emergency switchboards at the Sberiff's department during the British performer's show, the most since the 18,000-seat amphitheatre opened this summer. Stewart reportedly told the crowd that he knew about the noise complaints and said: "I

U.S. town bans crime, accidents

Trustees of this tiny town, faced with a new state law that prohibits hiring part-time police officers, have ordered a ban offcrime, accidents, emergencies and deaths Mondays and Tuesdays. Those are the marshal's days off. "We are really a rather peaceful little town," Mayor John Neill says, admitting that the bad is to call attention to the state law

Troops patrol Burma capital RANGOON (R) — Troops in ing shots to disperse demonstrarising fast in reaction to the rearmoured cars, trucks and on foot tors gathered near the Sule Pagonewed crisis. Shops in Rangoon appeared to

Rangoon Friday to prevent furth- old British colonial-style capital, er anti-government protests in and smaller protests took place in defiance of martial law.

testant civilians doing mainte-nance work at a heavily fortified

British barracks and declared it

will kill others doing similar

Witnesses said the forces were strengthened after thousands of people chanting anti-government

The official news agency NAB said 25 people were detained in clashes throughout the capital and said there were further disturbances in the town of Pegu. In Rangoon troops fired warnat least five districts.

NAB said 25 people were de-

tained, including 19 students, after groups commandeered vehicles and stoned buses and schools It said about 800 people, including some 300 students, mar-

and hurling stones at shops. There were no reports of in-

ched through Pegu, 80 kilometres north-east of Rangoon, rallying before anti-government speakers

be opening normally Friday.

Martial law was ordered Wednesday after a week of street protests against the appointment of Sein Lwin, widely hated because of his role in suppression of dissent, as new leader of the

The country of 38 million. whose economy has collapsed af-ter 26 years of military-led rule under the former leader Ne Win, has seethed with unrest since March. Diplomats say more than juries. Traders said prices were 200 people have died in clashes.

said. "We aren't getting that and

all-powerful Burma Socialist

Programme Party (BSPP).

Bush, Dukakis exchange sharp words

LOS ANGELES (R) — Micbael Dukakis exchanged sharp words on defence policy with his Republican rival George Bush in a long-distance clash as the Democratic presidential nominee headed west to campaign for votes and funds in southern California.

Vice President Bush launched the initial salvo Thursday in a speech in his adopted home state of Texas when he said the Masschusetts governor was soft on defence and his foreign and defence policies were a major departure from accepted norms.

"His positions, if taken togetber, add up to a major departure from the post-war bipartisan consensus on foreign policy... (and) amount to a rejection of America's role as a world leader and a repudiation of the Truman Doctrine and the vision of John Kennedy," Bush told a Hispanic military academy.

But Dukakis, travelling

ters. "I think the vice president as a strong nuclear deterrent," he knows better than that "

U.S. Congress panel

al costly provisions and is expected to win quick approval from the White House.

The bill provides disaster payments of up to \$100,000 each to farmers and ranchers who have suffered an estimated total \$10 billion in losses during the worst farmbelt drought in at least 50

passes drought bill \$.50 hoost in the milk support

> weight beginning April I. Deputy Agriculture Secretary Peter Myers said the administration backs the bill. President Reagan will sign it "as soon as (the full Congress) can get it passed," he said.

Lawmakers hope to send the

bill to Reagan next week. "Those who were facing bankruptcy this year can now look

forward to a new crop next year." said Senate Agriculture Commit-It also includes a three-month tee Chairman Patrick Leahy.

3 civilians arrested in Shultz Guatemala coup attempt visits

12-year-old wins Sri

Lankan lottery COLOMBO (AP) — The winner of Sri Lanka's biggest ever lottery prize plans to buy two bicycles and a doll with his winnings. He is 12 years old. The youth, identified only as Chaminda for secur. ity reasons, will receive five mil. lion Sri Lankan rupees (\$160,000) for his investment in a 10-rupee (\$80.33) ticket. He was quoted in newspapers Friday as saving he is buying a bicycle for himself another for bis younger hrother and a doll for his sister. His father will put the rest of the money in the bank, the sixth-grade student said. The prize is a fortune in this island nation where per capita income was estimated at \$340 in

Navy bans topless dancers

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. navy said Thursday it is banning topless dancers and other sexually oriented entertains. ment at base clubs for officers : and sailors, in response to cbarges that it encourages abusive behaviour toward women. The prohibition, contained in revised regulations for navy mess (canteen and bar) operations, was signed June 30 by Vice Admiral Leon A. Edney, the chief of naval personnel, and distributed to navy hases around the world. The navy said the move was approved by Admiral Carlisle A.H. Trost, chief of naval operations, and is effective . immediately. The new guidelines specify that all entertainment at base clubs must meet "appropriate standards of discretion, modesty and good taste."

Controversial film opens next month

ROME (AP) - Martin Scorsese's film "The Last Temptation of Christ" will appear in the Venice film festival, despite being branded by some church leaders as blasphemons and condemned by Italy's leading political party. "Why not show it?" asked Genny Fiorin, head of the cinema office, in a telephone interview from Venice. The Christian Democrats denounced the movie in which Jesus must endure the "last temptation" making love to Mary Magdalene. Fundamentalist church groups also have protested the movie in : " the United States. The movie, which stars Willem Dafoe as Jesus and Barbara Hershey as Mary, is to be released next

Carter to climb Mount Kilimanjaro

DAR ES SALAAM (R) — Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter was due to begin climbing Africa's highest mountain Friday at ... the start of a 10-day visit to Tanzania. The 63-year-old Carter, his wife Rosalynn and seven other members of his family are expected to take five days to climb the snow-capped summit of 5,895 metre Mount Kilimaniaro in northern Tanzania and back down to its base. Carter and his family arrived in Tanzania Wednesday night at the start of a private visit to east Africa, which will also take them to Kenya and

want to be the loudest one yet."

HOTCHKISS, Colorado (AP)

that took effect July I.

and breast cancer

have found a statistical link between the amount of alcobol a breast cancer, according to an analysis published Thursday of 16 previous studies.

the greater her risk of developing But the authors did not find a strict cause-and-effect rela-

U.S. to hold nuclear test with Soviets

MERCURY. Nev. (R) — The U.S. department of energy said Thursday it will set off an underground nuclear blast August 17 at its Nevada test site with Soviet scientists on hand to monitor it. The historic joint test, part of a series of steps the two superpowers are taking towards on-site monitoring of each other's nuclear tests, has been planned since late last year. The date was not announced until

WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF

North asks for hearing delay

WASHINGTON (R) — Attorneys for Oliver North have asked the judge in the Iran-contra case to delay until January a hearing on the secret documents that the fired White House aide wants to disclose at his trial. "In its frantic rush to trial before the (Nov. 8 presidential) election, the court seems to have abandoned all sense of what is possible and what is fair." they said in asking for the delay. "The hearing, if it is held on Aug. 8, will be a complete sham, and the court knows it," they said in papers filed with U.S. District Judge Gerhard Gesell. A spokeswoman for the special

prosecutor in the case. Lawrence Walsh, said he strongly opposed

Hanoi's decision worries U.S. WASHINGTON (AP) - The U.S. government is "very concerned" that Vietnam is halting plans for joint humanitarian projects, presidential spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said Thursday. "We're a lirile surprised and not quite sure what Vietnam is up to here." Fitzwaier iold reponers. "We are very concerned, because we thought we were making some progress at getting the investigations MIA's (Missing in Action) and PoW's (Prisoners of

war)," he said.

Biaggi convicted in Wedtech case NEW YORK (AP) — A federal jury Thursday convicted a veteran congressman and three others of racketeering, on charges that they turned a defense contracting company into an enterprise dispensing millions of dollars in bribes. The verdict against Mario Biaggi, a 10-term Democrat, came on the fifth day of deliherations. The congressman and six others at the four-month trial were accused of using Wedtech Corporation. As a racketeering operation to hand out large brihes to win no-hid government contracts set aside for businesses owned by ethnic minorities. The trial, which hegan March 11, generated nearly 20,000 pages of transcript over four months of testimony and a week of closing arguments. It grabbed

national headlines and reached into the top cchelons of govern-

WARSAW (AP) — Eight members of an independent opposition group were detained Thursday after throwing anti-government leaflets from the windows of a Krakow-bound train, an opposition spokesman said. The spokesman said the eight were dragged off the train for throwing leaflets from train windows as it pulled out of the station. The leaflets demanded Polish independence from the

Soviet Union.

8 protestors arrested in Warsaw

Top Pakistani Shi'ite shot dead PESHAWAR, Pakistan (R) - Pakistan's most prominent Shi'ite Muslim was shot dead in the north-western city of Peshawar Friday by an unidentified gunman, police said. Arif Al-Hussaini, an outspoken supporter of Iranian religious leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, was hit in the chest on his way to early morning prayers and died before reaching hospital. Police said they had no

immediate information on who was responsible. Scientists find anti-AIDS protein

WASHINGTON (R) - Medical researchers said Thursday they had synthesized a protein found in laboratory tests to prevent the AIDS virus from infecting human immune cells. The protein "seems to prevent infection of the body's immune cells by the AIDS virus in the laboratory," said Lec Eiden, a scientist at the National Institute of Mental Health who led the team. Eiden told Reuters laboratory results were sufficiently encouraging to begin testing the protein in September on monkeys infected with a virus similar to AIDS. The synthesised protein was derived from CD4, a large molecule found at the point on the shell of a disease-fighting cell where the AIDS virus attaches itselt prior to entering the cell and killing it.

MOSCOW (R) - Soviet forces aid Afghan rebels in violation of

out, radio Moscow said.

shah, about 190 kilometres southwest of the frontier city of Peshawar, beadquarters of the sevenparty Afghan Guerrilla Alliance

IRA seen still pursuing violence as strife marks 20th anniversary guerrillas gunned down two Pro-

BLEFAST (AP) — The new up-surge in Irish Republican Army failed," the paper quoted a nationalist source as saying. (IRA) violence could signal the The British government start of a campaign to mark the ordered troops into the province 20th anniversary of the outbreak Aug. 14, 1969, after violence of sectarian strife in Northern Ireland, a Belfast newspaper reported Thursday.

Ireland's second-largest city, during a march by Catholics demander of the second section of the second section of the second second second section of the second section of the second sec The Irish news, considered auding greater civil rights. Since thoritative on matters involving then, at least 2,665 people have

the IRA, said the outlawed orga- died as a result of sectarian and nisation hopes to swing public political fighting.

opinion on the British mainland

This week, the IRA has killed behind demands for a withdrawal four members of Britain's securof British troops from Nothern ity forces, three in attacks in Northern Ireland and one in the As the 20th anniversary bombing of an army harracks in approaches, the paper said, the north London. Forty-two people

The IRA, which bas targeted

many critics that Britain has not succeeded in hringing peace to the security forces in its fight to drive the British out of Northern "The critical thing as far as the Ireland, also warned civilians to IRA is concerned is getting the steer clear of British servicemen debate going — the debate that at bases around the world. will show the British presence bas

Ireland.

Meanwhile the IRA said its **U.S.** space shuttle faces

another problem CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida from late September into (AP) — A computer spotted a valve problem and aborted the test firing of space shuttle discovery's engines in the final second Thursday, dealing another set-

IRA is determined to prove to its were injured in the attacks.

to return to space. Engineers said it will be three to seven days before they can try the test again. The postponement was the fifth in two weeks and

ment camps during World War

IIAnd agreed to pay the survi-

Congress Thursday gave final

vors \$20,000 each.

U.S. apologises to

"That's why we have flight readiness firings, to work the bugs out of equipment before we launch," said James Fletcher, back to America's 21/2-year effort administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Adminis-

tration (NASA), the U.S. space agency. No American has been launched into space since the shuttle Challenger exploded 73 seconds made it almost certain that Dis- after liftoff Jan. 23, 1986, killing covery's flight will be delayed seven crew members.

Japanese Americans WASHINGTON (R) - The Unapproval and sent to President ited States Thursday apologised Reagan legislation making the for the war hysteria and racial official apology and authorising prejudice which sent 120,000 payments to the estimated 62,000 Japanese Americans to internwho are still living.

> The bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 257 to 156 after passing the Senate

patrolled the Burmese capital da, in the heart of the crumhling

slogans and protesting against the appointment of new leader Sein were attending classes." Lwin marched through the city centre Thursday.

through the deep south on his ica - but we've got to have way to Los Angeles, told repor- strong conventional forces as well

"I want a strong America — all we're not going to get it under Americans want a strong AmerVice President Bush."

WASHINGTON (R) — A U.S. Senate-House of Representatives price, to \$11.10 per hundredconference committee Thursday passed a \$3.9 billion droughtrelief bill that was shorn of sever-